arge of the high school high jumping contest ilber Starling, and the defeated the Y. M. C. ar which was quite ex- zlin and Will Lindsay encing. A vocal solo by xander and a piano solo Perl were well received. a pleasing exhibition of b swinging. The orig- hn McAllister brought use and he was warmly

RSONAL.

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er has been called to Jo- Postal Telegraph office.

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. E. A. Morgan will Springfield.

ter T. W. Douglass and r Omaha, Neb.

t James Addison of the was in Decatur today.

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brams has returned from e she attended the funeral

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field, trainmaster of the was in the city today on

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rs. Harry Schwartz of guests of Mr. and Mrs.

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Atkins left this morning relatives in Effingham

arwood will sing at the church at the morning morning and at the First unday evening.

Hanford will sing at the ch Sunday morning.

Packard will sing the by Perry at the services E. church Sunday morn-

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Childs and daughter, Ma- harles Faith of Warrens- of Decatur relatives.

Willoughby and Mrs of Mt. Zion were among ers in the city yesterday.

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ndolph and Miss Jessie nsburg are in the city to ith friends.

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Bowyer and family visit- in Taylorville yesterday.

McReynolds and Mrs. W. e returned from a visit Chicago.

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ge Priest, formerly Mrs. f Culver, Kan., is visiting Walters, 671 West Prairie

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ho was temporarily at the . A. Kenney has been ad- nd Mrs. Paul Kramer of street.

Committee Will Meet.

committee of the Chris- ociety of the First Presby- ill meet at the church on g.

RUNAWAY HORSES

Created Excitement on the Streets To-Day.

RAN INTO THE LIGHT TOWER

And Broke the Vehicle Badly—The Team Belonged to James Lebo, a Farmer Living at Macon.

A bad runaway occurred this forenoon in the business portion of the city. A team hitched to a spring wagon and belonging to James Lebo of Macon was standing near Peddecord and Burrows' bank when they took fright at an electric car and ran away Mr. Lebo had left his team to go into a store on business. The horses were supposed to be gentle and it was not supposed by the owner that they would ever run away.

The team dashed down the street and ended up at the corner of South Main and Wood streets. At that point they ran into the electric light tower. One of the horses was on one side of one of the supports of the tower and the other horse was on the other side. They were going at a high rate of speed and when they came in contact with the tower the neck yoke was broken and the front axle of the vehicle was bent almost double by the force of the collision. No one was hurt and the horses were not injured in the least, but the spring wagon was badly broken. Mr. Lebo took his vehicle to a repair shop and had it mended before he was able to return home. The runaway created considerable excitement as there were a good many people on the street at the time.

AT THE GRAND.

"SOUTH BEFORE THE WAR."

Probably the truest picture of the southern darkey life now presented on the stage is Harry Martell's "South Before the War," which will occupy the stage of the Grand next Tuesday, April 12. It is thoroughly realistic, and should be enjoyed by those who delight in old southern plantation festivities. The old time darkey is truly depicted, his sorrow, his joy, his love and merry making. Through it all there runs a story of deep romantic interest and the whole is intensely picturesque and enjoyable. The play is presented with the cast of capable players, and during its action a host of specialties are introduced, fully in keeping with the spirit of the drama. The dancing, the cake walk, the landing of the steamboat and the camp meeting are striking triumphs of realistic stage art. While most of the company, to the number of 50 or more, are composed of colored people all of the leading parts are played by competent white artist. A parade will be given, starting from the opera house at 11:30 a. m., headed by the famous pickaninny band of this company, who will also give a band concert in front of the opera house in the evening.

RELIEF FOR CUBA.

Train Load of Supplies on the Wabash Passes Through Decatur.

This forenoon a long train of placarded cars passed through Decatur on the Wabash road for New York. The cars were loaded with supplies for the starving people of Cuba, and will be sent by steamer from New York to their destination. The placards were inscribed in big letters, "Relief for Cuba."

Traveling Men, Attention

All members of the local branch of the T. P. A. are requested to meet at the office of Bixby & Pitner in the Powers building at 8 o'clock Saturday evening. The business before the meeting will be that of completing preparations for the state convention, which is to be held in the city on the 23d of the month.

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THE MESSAGE GOES TO CONGRESS

President McKinley Outspoken For Intervention to Stop the Inhuman Cuban War.

THE ARMY AND NAVY TO ACT

Complete Review of the Principal Events Looking to a Peaceful Settlement of the Trouble—Patriotic and Commendable Course of the Administration.

Washington, April 11.—President McKinley announced positively this morning that the message would be submitted promptly today.

A cabinet member says the message will go to congress exactly as originally intended, except a paragraph will be added merely setting forth Spain's latest proposition

The galleries of the senate and house were crowded hours before the assembling of congress today by persons anxious to hear the president's message read and to witness the scenes following.

THE MESSAGE.

Washington, April 11.—President McKinley today sent the long expected message on the Cuban situation to congress.

The message begins with a statement that as under the precepts of the constitution the president must from time to time inform congress on the state of the Union it becomes his duty and that of congress as a body so regard the grave crisis which has arisen in the relations of the United States and Spain by reason of the warfare that for more than three years has raged in the neighboring island of Cuba. The president says this comes under the head of the state of the Union, because of the intimate connection of the Cuban question with the state of our own Union and the grave relation of the course now incumbent on the nation to adopt. The message points out that the present revolution is only the successor to similar revolutions for nearly half a century, each of which has caused this nation great expense in preserving neutrality; inflicted enormous losses on our commerce, caused irritation and annoyance among our citizens, and "by the exercise of cruel, barbarous and uncivilized practices of warfare, shocked the sensibilities and offended the humane sympathies of our people."

The Result of Warfare in Cuba,

The president declares that since the present revolution began "the fertile domain of Cuba has been ravaged by fire and the sword, in a struggle rarely paralleled in the number of combatants and bitterness of contest by any revolution of modern times. The once prosperous community has been reduced to comparative waste; its commerce paralyzed; the seed of its fields laid waste and its people are perishing by the tens of thousands, from hunger and destitution."

The United States and Cuba.

The message then cites the efforts of this country to perform its duty as a neutral nation, the consequent restrictions on our commerce, the losses to our citizens, the perilous unrest that has grown up among our citizens, finding expression from time to time in congress, making an entirely outside issue in the way of devotion to our domestic advancement.

Cuba and Cleveland.

April, 1895, the evils from which the country suffered, through the Cuban war, became so onerous that my predecessor made an effort in any way tending to an honorable adjustment of the contest between Spain and her revolted colony on the basis of some effective scheme of self-government for Cuba under the flag and sovereignty of Spain. It failed through the refusal of the Spanish government then in power to consider any form of mediation, or, indeed, any plan of settlement which did not begin with the actual submission of the insurgents to the mother country, and then only on terms which Spain might see fit to grant. War continued unabated. The resistence of the insurgents was in no wise diminished. The efforts of Spain were increased by the dispatch of fresh levies to Cuba and by additions to the horrors of the strife, of a new and inhuman phase, happily unprecedented in modern history of civilized Christian peoples. The policy of devastation and concentration, inaugurated by Weyler's bando of October, 1896, in the province of Pinar del Rio, was extended to embrace all of the island to which the power of Spanish arms was able to reach by occupation or by military operations. Then follow a review of the effects of the bando in the better part of the central and western provinces, where 300,000 agriculturalists were driven from the lands to starve in the towns and 50 per cent have since died.

More Familiar History.

The message declares in the words of the president last December that reconcentration is not civilized warfare, but extermination. "The only peace the Cubans could get was that of the wilderness and the grave."

After the fierce activity of the second year of the war the matter settled down to a dogged struggle in which the Spanish demand for the submission of the insurgents appeared to approach no nearer realization. This brought matters down to the message of last December. The assassination of Premier Canovas and the change of government, with a change of policy, is dealt with and the movement in the direction of granting the measure of home rule to Cuba and Porto Rico is set forth, and the promise of Spain to conduct the war on a more humane line. The release of Americans in prison in Cuba is noted and it is pointed out that at the end of November not an American was held on the island. The efforts for the relief of the starving reconcentrados through our consuls and the Red Cross society are recited.

Relief and Peace Measures.

The president of the Red Cross society and representatives of other contributory organizations generally visited Cuba to co-operate with the consul general and local authorities to make effective the distribution of relief collected through the efforts of the central committee. Nearly $200,000 in money and supplies have already reached these sufferers and more is forthcoming. Thousands of lives have already been saved. The necessity for a change in the condition of the reconcentrados is recognized by the Spanish government. Weyler's orders have been revoked. The reconcentrados, it is said, will be permitted to return to their homes and aided in the resumption of self-supporting pursuits of peace. Public works have been ordered and $600,000 has been appropriated for their relief.

Friendly Course of the President.

The war in Cuba is of such a nature that short of subjugation, the final military victory of either side seems improbable. Realizing that the alternative lies in

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THE MESSAGE IN BRIEF.

The President Recommends Intervention for Cuban Relief.

Washington, April 11.—The president says that the only hope of relief from the condition which can no longer be endured is the enforced pacification of the island. The issue is now with congress and he waits its action, standing prepared to carry out every obligation imposed on him by the constitution. Spain's decree for suspension of hostilities is submitted to congress for just and careful attention, with the observation that if the measure attains succesful result, "Then our aspirations as a peace-loving people will be realized; if it fails, it will only be another justification for our contemplated action."

The Maine incident figures prominently in the message. The president argues that the wreck of the Maine in Havana harbor shows Spain is not able to guarantee security to foreign vessels. Spain disavowed any connection with the disaster and offered to submit to arbitration all differences which may arise from the affair. The president favors intervention to terminate hostilities as his discretionary authority, but opposes the recognition of the present Cuban government.

Note.—The president's message asks congress to authorize the president to secure a termination of hostilities in Cuba and secure the establishment of a stable government there, and use such military and naval forces of the United States as may be necessary for that purpose.

THE LATEST.

The message was referred to the foreign affairs committee in the senate and house without action.

SPAIN RUNS UP WHITE FLAG

Armistice Order by Queen Regent Regarded as a Diplomatic Trick.

Madrid, April 11.—At 6 p.m. Saturday night Minister Woodford was officially notified that the Spanish government had telegraphed to the pope that in view of his urgent requests, fortified by a visit from representatives in Madrid of the great powers, the Spanish government had telegraphed to General Blanco in Cuba, instructing him to issue an armistice proclamation Sunday. The duration of the armistice is to be as he decides. General Woodford had no intimation relative to the withdrawal of American warships. Saturday afternoon General Woodford paid a visit to Gullon, minister of foreign affairs. The general opinion was that the day's events settle satisfactorily the first stage of the Spanish-American difficulty and insure peace.

The ministers, upon being questioned by reporters, refused to give any information regarding the negotiations, but it is understood that they are based upon an armistice and the withdrawal of the American squadron from Cuba and the Phillipines. If the war is not concluded immediately, the United States is to withdraw all moral and material support from the insurgents.

It is believed that the presentation of President McKinley's message to congress will be again postponed, the Epoche thinks, until Friday next.

El Correo (official) says: "While America was asking for an armistice, Spain refused, but to the voice of Europe and of the Pope even Spain, without dishonor, may accept the arrangement proposed in the interest of peace.

SPAIN'S WAR MINISTER.

Lieutenant General Correa, minister of war, expressed himself as follows:

"It is an error to say that the government has granted an armistice to the rebels; because it would be the same thing as recognizing the belligerency of the rebels. The government has granted the wishes of the powers that we should cease hostilities during the days which General Blanco judges prudent for preparing peace. I acceded to a cessation of hostilities because to refuse the wishes of the powers would be to divorce Spain from the world. If I left the cabinet I should be placing my successor in an awkward position.

"General Blanco will probably publish a proclamation of truce, and also another offering indulgent terms during cessation of hostilities. If during this period there are important submissions and the United States withdraws its ships from the neighborhood of Cuba and the Phillippines, all will be well, and peace will soon be reached. Otherwise the Cuban war will continue and the powers will be obliged to demand that the United States maintain absolute neutrality and enforce a dissolution of the filibustering committee in New York. The armistice is not to prevent the Spanish government continuing its military preparations and placing the peninsula, the Canaries, the Balearic Islands and Porto Rico in a state of defense."

LURID CRITICISMS.

El Imparcial (Independent) severely slashes the government for, after boasting that it would not grant an unsolicited truce to the rebels, "yielding to brute force that it refused to yield to the moral influence and fatherly counsels of the Pope."

"We do not know a foreigner's opinion of the government's surrender," says El Imparcial, "but the bourse salutes it with a rise. With the deepest sadness, before the manifest incapacity of the present government, and remembering also that internal peace is highly in danger, we today proclaim the following conditions as necessary for honor: A 20 days' truce for the rebels' submission, and the concentration of our naval force at Cuba. If the truce lapses without result, then ceaseless war against the rebels and against the United States."

GEN. BLANCO PROMPT TO ACT

Issued a Proclamation Asking Insurgents to Stop Fighting for Liberty.

Washington, April 11.—During Senor Polo's call at the state department Sunday he notified the authorities that word had come from Havana that General Blanco had been prompt in executing the orders of the queen regent and that the proclamation of armistice had been duly promulgated. The effect of this will be to bring about a complete cessation of all Spanish hostilities throughout the island.

The Spanish troops will for the time being go into garrison. Their future disposition has not even been conidered, for much depends upon the duration of the armistice and the course of the insurgents. If the insurgents continue their fighting and make attacks upon the Spanish troops, the situation will become complicated, for it is hardly believed that the Spanish forces will lay down their arms for any length of time if they continue to be under fire from the insurgents.

A SPANISH TRICK.

The attitude of the insurgent advisers at Washington is that of rejecting the armistice. Senor Quesada of the Junta, declared that the armistice was simply a Spanish trick, designed to create the impression that the insurgents were unreasonable.

From his standpoint nothing short of independence will satisfy the Cubans It remains to be seen how far General Gomez and the insurgents in the field entertain this view. If they reject the armistice Spain is not likely to continue and the resort to arms will continue as it has been doing the last three years.

There is little doubt, however, that strong influences will now be brought to bear to induce the insurgents to suspend hostilities so that terms for a complete settlement may be reached. One of the ambassadors at Washington pointed out that the influence of the Pope was relied upon to a considerable extent with the insurgents, as they are part of a country which is thoroughly Catholic and loyal to Rome. While the influence of the great powers is not likely to be exerted in any material way against the insurgents, yet this influence will be brought to bear as far as possible from every moral standpoint The influence of the United States government also will be a very material factor in case the present crisis between the United States and Spain is averted and the armistice is accepted in Washington as a tenative ground for the solution of the Cuban problem.

ADVISES BLOWING UP SHIPS

Spanish Minister Tells Sailors Never to Surrender.

New York, April 11.—The World's Madrid correspondent says:

General Correa, the Spanish minister of war, in an interview says:

"Spain must not be alarmed when war is declared, if a Spanish warship is sunk. What we must at all costs avoid is a Spanish wership striking her colors to the American flag. She should rather explode her magazine.

"I wish to God Spain had a warship from Cuba to the peninsula. We could then say to America 'We are here. Meet us when you please.'"

SUNDAY AT MADRID.

Crowds Go to a Bull Fight and Throng the Streets,

Madrid, April 11.—Sunday passed quietly and without special incident. Enormous crowds going to and coming from the bull fight passed within easy sight of General Woodford's house. Large reinforcements of police and civil guards were posted near and also in front of the Bank of Spain and other public buildings. Just as the crowd was returning General Woodford and Miss Woodford, who had been spending the afternoon in the park, walked to their residence.

All Quiet.

Madrid, April 11.—Complete quiet prevails this morning, but precautions are not relaxed.

Texas Strawberries.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 11.—The warm weather has again started strawberries moving in large quantities. Some excellent fruit is being marketed. On an average 500 crates are shipped daily from Alvin, the center of the strawberry growing country. New potatoes are also being shipped in large quantities.

A map of Jerusalem in mosaic, over 1500 years old, has been found in Palestine.

The river Jordan makes the greatest descent in the shortest distance of almost any stream.

Massachusetts contemplates the expenditure of $3,000 for the illumination of the dome of the state house.

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Sixth Ward.....Jacob Weigand
Seventh Ward.....J. Frank Davis

An Excellent Example.

One of the national banks of New York has announced that in the event of such disturbances as will require the services of the national guard on duty the salaries of certain employes who are members of the militia will not be stopped, but will be paid as usual during their absence for such a reason. This policy, if generally adopted, is calculated to strengthen the forces of the government materially. In case of war or riot the banks and similar institutions would be among the first to need protection, and it is fitting so good an example of public spirit should be shown in this manner. The militia force is the country's first line of reserves. It is the substantial backing behind the merely skeleton organization of a standing army. The hundred thousand men or so composing the government-aided militia companies in the various states, would, in time of war, become immensely valuable by reason of their training in the use of arms. The business interests have in most cases adjusted themselves to the proper theory with regard to this force. The men have been encouraged to enter the ranks of the citizen-soldiery, their membership has not been made to involve them in losses or hardships aside from those directly resulting from actual participation in active service. There should be a mimimum of sacrifice involved in the enlistment of a young man in the guard. It may be that many men who would form admirable guardsmen are deterred from joining because of the fear that their families may suffer from a failure of income when they are obliged to attend encampments or to go forward for the stern duties of war. The reliance of the business community upon this force is unmistakable. It cannot be forgotten that in very many cases the prompt presence of guardsmen in time of threatened trouble between the authorities and rioters has resulted in a pacific outcome. Millions of dollars in property values have doubtless been saved in this manner. The debt of the commercial world to the militia is too heavy to be quickly estimated and the proposition of the New York bank is in the line of paying at least the interest on this indebtedness.

The President Endorsed.

The Democratic press has been extremely unjust and partisan in its treatment of President McKinley touching his actions as to Spain. There might be an honest difference as to his policy in this Cuban affair, but when it comes to accusing the president of unpatriotic motives and of catering to the money changers the Democratic press is not only unjust but cruel and dishonest as it was toward Lincoln. In this respect the Democratic press does itself injustice. The delay which has marked the course of the administration in bringing Spain to a decision has been criticised by Republicans as well as Democratic papers and is legitimate and no one will complain at that, because results will finally determine whether the president is justifiable in this mild course toward Spain or not. The indications now are that his course, in the light of all the facts was entirely proper and wise. So far as results have been developed it is shown that the navy and our coast defenses were not in condition to enter into a conflict with Spain. The president managed to keep Spain busy until we have perfected our arrangements and are now ready, unless it shall yet appear that some of our naval purchases abroad have not yet left neutral waters. In any event every day of delay has been occupied by preparation that will shorten the conflict and save, perhaps, thousands of lives. Congress, which at one time became restive and threatened to take things in its own hands seems to have become entirely reconciled and is now willing to concede that the president's course has been all right and that he has displayed great wisdom and patience in dealing with Spain, not in the interest of Spain, but in the interest of our own country and people, and is willing to trust his judgment in the course to be taken as to armed intervention.

Congress can safely do this. We will have a war with Spain and the president, under the constitution, will be the commander-in-chief of our army and navy and upon him will rest the matter of prosecuting the war. The president knows what war is and the chances are congress will be fully satisfied in the vigor he will show in pushing this war to a speedy conclusion. When war once begins there will be no hesitation and the commander who fails in diligence will promptly find himself superceded without much ado. He was trained to this under the gallant Sheridan and he knows what "pushing things" in war means.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Of course neither the president nor congress is giving any attention to the impertinent person in New York who calls himself the "legal representative of the Cuban Junta," and who says that if intervention in Cuba takes place without a recognition of independence the insurgents will turn against the United States. This ridiculous individual probably thinks that the United States wants to hold Cuba after driving the Spaniards out. Nothing is farther from this country's intentions. Ultimately Cuba will be annexed, but the United States will never consent to annexation unless and until the people of Cuba declare by an overwhelming majority for it on a full and free vote. Any doubts on this point which may be held by any Cuban leaders should be immediately dismissed. The probability is that recognition will go hand in hand with intervention. But even if intervention comes first General Gomez and the rest of the insurgents will welcome United States aid, for this aid will give them the physical independence without which a resolution of recognition would be only an empty form.

Those people who think this government has no business to meddle with the Cuban troubles are unfit to be protected by governments. Nations, like individuals, cannot, like the turtle, pull themselves in and become a mere bump on the map of the world. Nations, like individuals in communities, who are entirely selfish are of no use in this world and will eventually die of inanimation. It is a mistake that such nations and such individuals were ever born. They are useless in this world and leave no history and no mourners.

England has shown great friendship for the United States in the course of this government in relation to the Cuban crisis; but Russia, always the friend of the United States, went one better by refusing for some time, to join the other powers in presenting a joint petition to President McKinley on the ground that it was the business of the United States alone and none of the great powers had any right to interfere. It only consented on the ground that it was not to count.

Now that the American citizens have been removed from Havana General Blanco need have no further fear that they will precipitate a riot in that city. But the chances are that another lot of American citizens, doing business at the busines end of cannon and rifles, will call on Blanco in a few days, who, while they will not precipitate a riot in Havana are likely to precipitate a panic among the bloviating Spaniards.

The 1000 Sioux Indians who want to form a regiment and go to Cuba to fight for the United States ought to be accepted by the government and put on the line where they will meet the Weylerites, and no questions should be asked.

If the United States defeats the Spanish navy quickly and neatly, as it surely will, it will be worth more to this nation than the war will cost by way of introduction to the other powers.

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April Term, 1898.

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ANDREW H. WILLS, Administrator.
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In the Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois.

Henrietta Rucker, John L. Rucker, Emma E. Myers, James H. Myers, James R. Spangler, Alpha Spangler, Lois A. Camp, Heber Camp, Florence G. Barker, and —— Baker, Complainants. Vs. Ann E. Lichtenberger, Conrad H. Lichtenberger, John Stumpff, Sarah J. Stumpff, James E. Stumpff, Daniel Spangler, Thomas Binns, James L. Nesbit, or the unknown heirs at law, devisees or legatees of the said James L. Nesbit, deceased, and Mary Wetzel, Defendants.—Bill in Partition, No. 16703, May Term, 1898—In Chancery.

Affidavit of the nonresidence of the above named defendants, Daniel Spangler and James L. Nesbit, or if he be deceased the unknown heirs at law, legatees or devisees of the said James L. Nesbit, deceased, having been filed in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois, notice is hereby given to the above named defendants, Daniel Spangler and James L. Nesbit, or if he be deceased, the unknown heirs at law, legatees or devisees of the said James L. Nesbit, deceased, that the above named complainants have filed their bill of complaint in the said court on the chancery side thereof, on the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1898 and that summons thereupon issued out of the office of the clerk of the said court against the said defendants returnable to the second Monday of May, A. D. 1898, as is by law required.

Now unless you, the said Daniel Spangler and James L. Nesbit, or if he be deceased, the unknown heirs at law, legatees or devisees of the said James L. Nesbit, deceased, and each of you, shall be and appear before the said Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois, on the first day of the next term thereof, to be holden at the court house in the City of Decatur, in said county, on the second Monday of May A. D. 1898, and plead answer or demur to the said complainants' bill of complaint and the matters and things therein charged and set forth the same shall be taken as confessed against you, and a decree entered against you in accordance with the prayer of said bill.

Dated this 2nd day of April, A. D 1898.

D. L. Foster, Circuit Clerk.
Leforgee & Lee, Solicitors for Complainants.
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ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that William R. Abbott and D. Holmes Cloyd, partners in the firm name of W. R. Abbott & Co., of the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, did, on the 2d day of March, A. D. 1898, transfer to the undersigned all of their property for the benefit of their creditors, except such as is allowed them under the exemption laws of the State of Illinois, according to the provisions of an act concerning voluntary assignments.

All persons having claims against the said William R. Abbott and D. Holmes Cloyd, partners as aforesaid, are hereby notified to present the same, under oath or affirmation, to the undersigned at the City of Decatur, within three months from the date hereof.

Dated this fifth day of March, A. D 1898.

MICHAEL F. KANAN, Assignee.
March 5-d6w

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of William P. Gibson, Deceased.

The undersigned acting as administrator of the estate of William P. Gibson, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the June term, on the first Monday in June next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1898.

STANLEY TUCKER, Administrator.
April 8-d3w

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Estate of Charles L. Griswold, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Charles L. Griswold, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 29th day of January, 1898.

CHARLES L. GRISWOLD, JR., Administrator
29-d3w

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY

In the Circuit Court to the May Term, A. D. 1898.

Richard J. Ellis vs. Mary E. Ellis and Ralph H Ellis, partition.

Affidavit of the non-residence of Mary E. Ellis and Ralph H. Ellis, the above named defendants having been filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Circuit Court of said Macon County, notice is hereby given to the said Mary E. Ellis and Ralph H. Ellis, that the above named complainant has filed his bill of complaint in said Court on the chancery side thereof on the 8th day of March, A. D. 1898, and that a summons thereupon issue out of said court against the defendants, returnable on the second Monday of May, A. D 1898, as is required by law.

Now unless you, the said Mary E. Ellis and Ralph H. Ellis, and each of you shall be and appear before the said Circuit Court of Macon County on the first day of the next term thereof, to be holden in Decatur, in said County, on the second Monday of May, A. D. 1898, and plead, answer or demur to the said complainant's bill the same and the matters and things therein charged and stated, shall be taken as confessed and a decree entered against you according to the prayer of said bill.

Dated at Decatur, this 9th day of April, A. D. 1898

D. L. FOSTER, Circuit Clerk.
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Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Isaac M. Lowe, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Isaac M. Lowe, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the June term, on the first Monday in June next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1898.

JAMES H. RECORD, Administrator.
April 8-d3w

Railroad Column

R. R. TIME TABLES.

[Corrected to Nov. 15, 1897.]

Wabash Lines

TO CHICAGO.		FROM CHICAGO.	
12	* 1:05 a m	13	* 3 55 a m
14	*11:45 a m	15	* 3 56 p m
16	† 9:20 a m	17	† 7 55 p m
TO ST. LOUIS.		FROM ST. LOUIS.	
8	* 4:05 a m	6	* 5.25 a m
11	* 7:00 a m	24	*11:25 a m
25	† 4:05 p m	14	*11:42 a m
15	* 4:00 p m	10	* 8:58 p m
1	*12:18 a m	2	*11:17 p m
7	* 7:20 p m	12	*12:55 a m
TO TOLEDO.		FROM TOLEDO.	
6	* 5:28 a m	1	*12:10 a m
4	*11:30 a m	7	* 7:17 p m
2	*11:20 p m	5	* 5:50 p m
10 Ft W. Acc.	†1:30 p m	8	* 2:20 a m
34 Ft. Acc.	†4:40 p m	11 From Ft W	†12:50 p m
		35 Ft. Accom	†10:45 a m
TO QUINCY.		FROM QUINCY.	
5	* 4:07 p m	4	*11:25 a m
13	* 4:10 a m	12	*10:50 p m
17 Spfd only	† 7:40 p m	16 from Spfg.	† 8:15 a m
35	*10:55 a m	34 Ftfg. acc	† 4:35 p m
11 Bluff Accm	† 7:05 a m	10 frm Bluffs	† 8:50 p m

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

DEORIA, DECATUR & EVANSVILLE RY.

Arrive from Peoria		Arrive from Evansville	
A No. 1	10:35 a. m.	A No. 2	2:50 p. m
D No. 3	10:10 p. m.	A No. 4	6:25 a. m
A No. 11	2:50 p. m.	8 No. 86	7:10 a. m
Depart for Peoria		**Depart for Evansville**	
A No. 2	3:00 p. m.	A No. 1	10:45 a. m
A No. 4	6:35 a. m.	D No. 3	10:20 p. m
8 No. 86	7:20 a. m.	A No 11	3:15 p. m
A No. 10	10: 35a. m.		

"A"—Daily Except Sunday. "D"—Daily. "8" Sunday Only.

Vandalia Line.

In effect Dec. 11, 1897.

DEPARTS EAST.	
No. 84—Freight, ex. Sunday	6:35 a m
No 12—Except Sunday	7:40 a m
No. 6—Except Sunday	3:35 p
FROM TERRE HAUTE.	
No. 7—Except Sunday	10:45 a m
No. 83—Freight, ex. Sunday	5:00 p m
No. 21—Except Sunday	7:05 p m
DEPARTS WEST.	
No. 5—Ex. Sunday	7:00 a m
No. 85—Freight ex. Sundny	7:50 a m
No. 7—Ex. Sunday	10:55 a m
FROM PEORIA.	
No. 6—Ex. Sunday	3:20 p m
No. 86—Freight ex. Sunday	4:10 p m
No. 4—Ex. Sunday	9:30 p m

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Indiana, Decatur & Western Ry Co

ARRIVE.		LEAVE.	
No. 1 Pass	*2:25 p m	No. 4 Pass	*10:55 p m
No. 3 Pass	*4:00 a m	No. 2 Pass	*11:30 a m
" 7	10:00 a m	" 8	2:40 a m
" 9	*8:00 p m	" 10	4:00 p m

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Illinois Central.

Corrected to November 28th, 1897.

No. 118 to Chicago via Clinton & Gilman.....
.....* 1:32 a. m
No. 120 to Chicago via Clinton & Gilman.....
.....* 11:52 a. m
No. 704 to Chicago via Champaign..* 6:45 a. m.
No. 104 Main Line North..... * 11:26 a. m
No. 126 Main Line North..... † 6:10 p. m
No. 702 Champaign Line Mixed leaves.....
.....† 2:45 p. m.
No. 117 Diamond Special to St. Louis via Pana..... * 3:19 a. m
No. 119 Daylight Special to St. Louis via Pana..... * 3:37 p. m
No. 125 Main Line South to Pana.... † 9.30 a. m.
No. 103 Main Line South to Cairo.... * 4.05 p. m.
No. 191 Local Freight South..... † 7:45 a. m
No. 703 from Chicago via Champaign, arrives
..... * 9:16 p. m.
No. 701 from Champaign Mixed Train arrives
..... † 10:30 a. m

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LOCAL NEWS.

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The Decatur races will be held August 23 to 26. There are now a number of fast horses at the trotting park ready to be put in training for the meeting.

The rain in Decatur Sabbath was much heavier than it was at Boody and west of the city.

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The Latest in Spring Suitings—T. F. Muleady. apr5-d6w

Messrs. Wood and Allen of the local camp returned Saturday from Macon where they organized a camp of Sons of Veterans, composed of 39 charter members. J. Wells of the firm of Wells Bros. was elected captain. The camp proposes to enter the uniform rank in a body.

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It is worth while for those who never saw dirt handled rapidly to drive out to the St. Louis bridge to see the construction train load and unload dirt by steam power.

Gross earnings of the Illinois Central road for the month of March amounted to $2,282,605 against $11,799,818 for the corresponding month last year, an increase of $482,847. From July 1, gross earnings have been $20,780,084, against $18,871,410 for the corresponding period in the previous year, an increase of $3,908,521.

D. J. Mackey of Evansville, once a railroad magnate and a millionaire, will assume the superintendency of the paper mills at Anderson, to which position he was appointed by W. T. Durbin. The Indianapolis News says that Mr. Mackey has lost his entire fortune, and his only son is now working as a brakeman on a passenger train.

Miss Margaret Landis entertained the members of the Epicurean club at her home on North College street, last Friday evening, in a very pleasant manner. During the evening games were played and refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Carrie Birks, Bessie Dills, Daisy Fletcher, Estelle Williams, Ina Kincaid, Gertrude Phillips, Edith Cann, Messrs. Arthur Keith, Ira Hoy, Wayne Williams, Andy Vize, Arthur Duncan, Albert Mann, Sylvester Wilhelmy, Charles Steele.

Fruit Frozen.

Mrs. Lydia Davis writes to Decatur friends from Sacramento, Cal., that they would be very grateful for some of the rain which has fallen in Illinois in the past month. There has been no rain there this spring, the weather has been extremely cold and most of the fruit buds are frozen.

Lecture at Blue Mound Chapel.

Sabbath evening a large congregation assembled at the chapel to hear a lecture by the pastor. Prof. Mounts conducted a song service that lasted about a half hour. Solos and choruses were interspersed. The audience then listened to the lecture which occupied about 35 minutes.

Will Reach Home May 15.

In a recent letter received by Mrs. J. S. King from Mrs. Buck of the Aller tourist party, Mrs. Buck says that she and her nephew will return home in May and expect to reach Decatur about May 15.

A Truthful Statement.

An excellent and invaluable remedy, for the cure of cough, cold and hoarseness, is Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and Mr. Jas. Hadfield, 350 West St., New York City, verifies this statement. He writes: "Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is a most excellent remedy for cough, cold and hoarseness, and I take great pleasure in recommending it to all, who require such a valuable household remedy." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup sold here for 25 cents.

THE RISEN LORD

Observance of the Easter Festival in Decatur.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AT CHURCH

Beautiful Services at First Presbyterian—Sermon by Dr. Penhallegon—Notes from Other Churches.

At all of the churches of the city Sunday Easter services of some kind were held. In spite of the bad weather nearly all of the houses of worship were well filled. The rain in the forenoon was quite a disappointment as it came just when the people were going to church and doubtless kept away many who would otherwise have attended. In the afternoon and evening, however, the weather was pleasant and there were many persons out on the streets.

The choirs at all of the churches had prepared special music for the day and elaborate decorations were carried out in most all of the churches.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ATTEND.

The members of Beaumanoir Commandery, Knights Templar, attended the Easter services at the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning. It has been the custom with the Knights to attend some church in a body each Easter and this year the Presbyterian church was chosen. In spite of the disagreeable weather there was quite a large attendance, every seat in the lower part of the church being occupied. Places were reserved for the Knights in the front part of the church and just before the services opened they filed in the church, all attired in their full uniform.

The music rendered was especially good. The pastor, Rev. Penhallegon, preached a brief sermon to the Knights. He took for his text the words "A Valiant Knight." He spoke of the courage of men and said that God's methods of putting people in a world of danger seemed to be justified by the development of men. The fact that it seemed inevitable that the sword must now be unsheathed to drive out the Spanish flag from this country, acts of heroism and courage were suggested to us. The speaker said that he would like to assume that all men possessed this element of courage in the fact of physical danger, but that such an assumption could not be made as all men did not possess physical courage. While he admired the man who was brave while under the fire on the field of battle there was still a higher courage. Men who were not physically brave but who changed their cowardice to courage for the sake of duty, those who gained heroic results out of unheroic material showed real courage.

Mr. Penhallegon also touched upon some of the qualities of knighthood. He said that truth, purity and valor were knightly qualities always needed in the world. In closing his remarks the minister extended a greeting to the members of the Knights Templar.

The service held in the evening at the Presbyterian church was especially fine. Music was rendered by the choir composed of Miss Louie Boyd, Miss Anna Brown, Charles Hoy and Troy Alexander, with Miss Edna Bunn as organist. A vocal solo was rendered by Mr. Alexander. Miss Jeanette Powers gave a violin solo and vocal selections were given by Miss Irene Armstrong and Miss Boyd. There was a large attendance in the evening and the music was greatly enjoyed.

AT OTHER CHURCHES.

The services at the Catholic churches yesterday were quite elaborate. The high celebration at 10:30 o'clock at St. Patrick's church was well attended. The church was beautifully decorated.

Rev. Bedford-Jones held special services at both All Angels and St. John's Episcopal churches in the forenoon. In the afternoon the children at St John's held their Sunday school celebration.

Rev. Bowyer preached an Easter sermon at the Baptist church and the choir rendered a special program.

The Easter services held by Rev. Oberly at the English Lutheran church were well attended. In the evening there was an address by Attorney A. G. Webber.

The Sunday school children of the Cumberland Presbyterian church held their exercises in the forenoon and services were held in the evening by Rev. Hawkins.

Special music was rendered at the First Methodist church. Rev. Frost Craft preached both in the morning and evening and at the latter time Miss Beatrice Howard sang a solo, and in the morning Miss Anna Packard sang.

Sunday evening at Grace Methodist church there was a song service. The program included solos and singing by the choir and an organ recital.

Miss Mae Barwood sang a solo at the Congregational church at the morning service. In the evening the Sunday school held exercises and the orchestra under the leadership of Prof. Walter rendered music.

There was a large attendance at Wesley chapel Sunday afternoon. A special program of music and appropriate recitations were given and the Loyal Sunday Army certificates presented to 70 pupils. Albert Johnson, who has charge of the Loyal S. S. Army work, presented the certificates and an address was made by L. C Hays. The floral decorations were elaborate and equalled the decorations in the larger churches. Miss Maude Davis, chairman of the mercy and help committee had charge of the decorations. The organ was covered with roses and lillies in memory of Roy Hunsley, who officiated as organist one year ago at the Easter services.

The Missionary and Aid society of College street chapel will meet at the chapel on Friday afternoon. Reports will be heard from the Springfield Presbytery which meets at Jacksonville this week from Mrs. H. B. Lewis and Mrs. M. D. Pollock, who will attend as delegates to represent the Ladies Aid and Missionary societies and the Girl's Mission Band.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First Presbyterian church will meet at the church parlors on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The members of section No. 1, which includes the initials A, B, C, D, are requested to meet at the church parlors at 3:45 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Services will be held at East Park chapel tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock.

THE T. P. A. CONVENTION.

Meeting Held to Arrange the Program—Date is April 23.

The members of Post K of the travelers' Protective Association held a meeting Saturday night at the K. of P. hall in the Powers block for the purpose of making arrangements for entertaining the delegates to the state convention of the organization, which is to be held in Decatur, April 23. Preparations are being made on an extensive scale. At 9 o'clock in the morning the guests will be received and delegates and their lady friends registered. At 11 o'clock the convention will be called to order and the address of welcome will be made by Mayor Taylor and the response will be given by State President Sutliff. At 1:30 o'clock there will be a business session. At 2 o'clock the visiting ladies will be entertained by carriage drives about the city. A member of the Woman's club will go with each carriage to show the ladies about the city. In the evening from 8 until 12 o'clock there will be a banquet and ball at the St. Nicholas hotel. A committee will ask the merchants of the city to decorate on the day of the convention. Another meeting of the traveling men will be held Friday night at the office of Bixby and Pitner in the Powers block.

PILGRIMAGE TO PITTSBURG.

Twenty-Seventh Triennial Conclave of K. T. Will be Held in October.

W. H. Starr, George A. Stadler, J. B. Bullard and Eminent Commander George S Durfee of Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9, Decatur Knights Templar, are a committee of arrangements for the attendance of the Decatur Knights at the 27th triennial conclave of the Knights Templar lodge, which will be held at Pittsburg, Pa., beginning October 10, 1898. The committee has issued neat pamphlets giving the program and the arrangements in full and calling attention to the pilgrimage. It is the desire of the committee that not less than 50 Sir Knights and their ladies be enrolled on the list of those intending to make the pilgrimage by May 15. If this is not accomplished at that time no effort will be made to make the pilgrimage as a commandery, but each knight attending will be expected to make arrangements for his entertainment, etc. This is expected to be one of the most enjoyable conclaves yet held and a number of the knights have already made arrangements to attend. The fare for the round trip is $13.35.

EASTER DINNER PARTY.

Samuel Burnstein Entertained Mayor, Police Officers and Others.

Samuel Burnstein entertained a number of his friends Sunday at an Easter dinner at his home in the northern part of the city. The company included Mayor Taylor, Officer Somerville, Officer Ed Leech, Attorney Frank Roby, Deputy Circuit Clerk Bob Williams and Marshal W. W. Mason. Mr. Burnstein had served a sumptuous feast which was greatly enjoyed by the officials who were in attendance. The dinner was served in many courses and the menu included everything that is good to eat.

Easter at Elwin.

The church at Elwin was beautifully decorated Sabbath morning with potted plants. The musical program was excellent. The choir of the church, together with the Sabbath school children, rendered in a very pleasing manner both songs and anthems. After the musical program was over Rev. A. M. Danely preached. The audience was large.

Camp Meeting.

A committee of the members of Decatur Circuit met at Grace M. E. church in the city Saturday afternoon to discuss the annual camp meeting which will probably be held this year about four miles south of the city near the Mt. Gilead cemetery.

WM. DODSON DEAD

Passed Away Last Night at 10 O'clock.

WAS A FIRE COMMISSIONER

And for Years Was in the Employ of the Illinois Central Railroad—Held in High Respect in Community.

William Dodson, one of the well known citizens of Decatur and a member of the board of fire commissioners, died last night at 8 o'clock at his home, No. 975 East Eldorado street, aged 67 years. Death was caused by hardening of the liver, a complaint with which Mr. Dodson has been suffering for a number of years. Within the past year he has been rapidly failing and has been confined to the house most of the winter. His friends and relatives realized that he could never recover and during the past few weeks Mr. Dodson's condition has been such that his death was expected at any time.

William Dodson was of English nativity, having been born on March 14, 1831, in Swavesey, near Cambridge, England. He came to the United States in his boyhood with his father, William Dodson, Sr. The family made their home at Lockport and Batavia, New York, until 1852, when they came west to Decatur. Mr. Dodson began driving a team for the Illinois Central road and was brakeman on the first construction train going out of Decatur. He then had charge of the baggage at Sandoval, Ill., and held that position for six months. In 1855 he became baggage master at the Union depot at Decatur and held that position for 27 years. Under President Pierce's administration he was appointed mail messenger, carrying the mail from the depot to the postoffice. From that time he served continuously as mail messenger and transfer clerk for the government until President Cleveland's administration, when he was relieved of his duties as mail messenger, but continued to serve as transfer clerk, holding that position until 1893. He was the only transfer clerk stationed at this place up to that time and handled all the mail that went in and out of the city.

On October 28, 1856, Mr. Dodson was married to Miss Mary E. White of Decatur. He is survived by his wife and two children, George R. Dodson of Spokane, Wash., who is now in the city, and Miss Daisy Dodson of Decatur. He leaves two cousins, Mrs. Henry Lunn of this city and Phillip Dodson of Bousman, Montana. These are his only relatives in this country. He also leaves a brother and a sister in England.

Mr. Dodson was in the employ of the railroad longer than any man in the city. On account of this fact he had made many friends and was a man who was held in the highest esteem by those who knew him. Mr. Dodson was a solid, substantial man, and a person who always commanded respect. Years ago he was chief of the fire department and during the past three years he has been serving on the board of fire commissioner, having been appointed to that position under Mayor Conklin and reappointed by Mayor Taylor. In the office of commissioner Mr. Dodson was a valuable man and carried out plans along that line of work which were of great benefit to the city. He was quite popular with the members of the fire department. Mr. Dodson was also a member of the Volunteer Firemen of Decatur and was a member of Celestial Lodge, No. 136, I. O. O. F., having been identified with that organization for the past 36 years.

In his early years Mr. Dodson was a supporter of the Democratic party and cast his first vote for President Buchanan. In 1860 he supported Abraham Lincoln and since then he has been a staunch Republican.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the residence. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. F. Gillmore and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery. The members of the Volunteer Firemen, the Odd Fellows and some of the members of the city fire department will attend the funeral in a body.

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BLANCO'S PROCLAMATION

Text of the Flag of Truce Order Issued at Havana.

Washington, April 11.--The Spanish minister today delivered to the state department a copy of Blanco's proclamation ordering a cessation of hostilities. It read:

"His Majesty's government, yielding to the reiterated wish expressed by his holiness, the Pope, has been pleased to decree a suspension of hostilities with the object of preparing and facilitating the restoration of peace on this island. In virtue whereof, I believe it convenient to order:

"Article I.--From the day following the receipt in each locality of the present proclamation, hostilities are ordered to be suspended in all territory of the Island of Cuba."

"The details of the execution of the above article will be the subject of special instructions that will be communicated to the several commanders-in-chief of the army corps for their easy and prompt execution, according to the situation and circumstances in the case. (Signed) Blanco."

BLANCO'S INSULT TO LEE

Dramatic Incidents Connected with the Departure of Americans From Havana.

Key West, Fla., April 11.—The exit of General Lee from Havana Saturday evening was marked by dramatic incidents, and the old soldier evacuated his untenable position with colors flying.

Insults and hooting by the multitude which crowded the streets and harbor front were the only demonstration of the popular feeling of hostility toward America, but all hands on the Fern felt more comfortable than they had in many weeks after the dispatch boat had steamed past Morro Castle in the wake of the Olivette and Bache. General Lee drove to the palace late in the afternoon, accompanied only by a body guard of two detectives, for his farewell call of ceremony to Captain General Blanco. The British consul was at the palace. The captain general deliberately offered a show of ill-will and discourtesy by refusing to see General Lee, sending Secretary Congosto in his stead. The slight angered General Lee, but he preserved his temper admirably and the formal addresses were exchanged. The palace was crowded with Spanish officers, who had come to see the American consul general depart. He walked alone down the corridor and through the palace courtyard to his carriage, no escort being offered him. The officers muttered curses and insults to Americans as General Lee passed them, but he looked neither to the right nor to the left and was driven down to a wharf to go aboard the Fern.

On the way to the wharf the crowds yelled "fuera," which means "get out," after the consul general's carriage, and whistled, which is the Spanish style of hissing. The people on the water front shouted, "Death to the American pigs."

When the handful of Americans with General Lee met for the last time in the cafe of the Hotel Inglaterra, champagne was opened and this toast was drunk standing: "Here's to the officers and the men of the Maine and the good ship destroyed in Havana harbor by Spanish mines."

After this was drunk the glasses were emptied to this sentiment: "Fifty guns for every man lost on the Maine and fifty dead Spaniards for every gun."

General Lee will reach Washington Tuesday morning.

WOODFORD TO LEAVE MADRID

A Guard Goes With Him on the Train to the Frontier—Spaniards Quiet.

Madrid, April 11.—It is understood that Minister Woodford leaves Madrid today, accompanied to the frontier by an escort of gendarmes.

The ambassadors of the powers meet today. It is understood that the meeting was called as a result of news received from Washington.

EDISON ANOTHER ERICSON

The Electric Wizard Has a Plan to Outwit the Spanish.

New York, April 11.—Thomas A. Edison has made a discovery, or rather, applied a principle that will revolutionize modern naval warfare. At present night and fog are the greatest enemies a war fleet at sea can know. It is under cover of the darkness that the torpedo boats sneak up to within hailing distance of the great ships and aim deadly blows at them. By day nothing is so feeble as a torpedo boat. It must get within half a mile of its mark ere it can spit its venom, and this it cannot do. It is as swift in flight and as harmless in offense as a rabbit. Its sides are so frail that the smallest rapid-firing gun will riddle it. When it was pointed out to Mr. Edison that many fears were felt on account of Spain's torpedo fleet, he said it was easy to do away with their possibilities for harm.

"I would suggest" said he, "that in addition to the search lights now employed, canisters of calcium carbide, with a small quantity of calcium phosphide mixed in, be placed near the scouting boats or fired into the water at a distance from a mortar. These canisters, being provided with buoyant chambers and water vents, would give off acetylene gas, and also spontaneously inflammative phosphoreted hydrogen, which would serve to ignite continuously the acetylene gas. The result would be powerful lights, very cheaply produced, in great numbers over an area of several square miles. Any torpedo boat coming nearer than one of these lights would be thrown in silhoutte, which, to the eye, would be at least 50 times more powerful than the small reflection from the light absorbing surface of a torpedo boat illuminated by the most powerful electric light."

In a word, the light would be behind it, instead of on the nearer side of it. Not only can the chemical combination be employed to keep torpedo boats away, as already shown, but canisters of it, being very light in weigh, can be hurled for several miles from a pneumatic gun.

Lee Landed at Port Tampa.

Port Tampa, Fla., April 11.—General Lee and party today landed from the Olivette and boarded a train for Washington.

Cruising About.

Halifax, N. S., April 11.—Two United States cruisers have been sighted off this port.

Williams Got Away.

Manilla, Phillippine Island, April 11.—United States Consul Williams has left here.

WEATHER.

Chicago, April 11.—Illinois: Fair tonight with warmer in the west; Tuesday partly cloudy, probably showers Tuesday night; variable winds.

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the physical exhaustion of one or the other party, or perhaps both, in a spirit of true friendliness, no less to Spain than to the Cubans, who have so much to lose by a prolongation of the struggle, it appeared to be my duty to seek to bring about an immediate end of the war. To this end I submitted on March 27 the result of such representation and correspondence through the United States minister at Madrid, a proposition to the Spanish government looking to an armistice until October 1 for the negotiation of peace, with the good offices of the president. In addition I asked for an immediate revocation of the order of reconcentration. The Spanish cabinet received it on the night of the 31st ulto. It offered as a means to bring about peace in Cuba to confine the preparations thereof to the insular department, it being understood that the powers reserved by the constitution to the central government were not lessened or diminished. As the Cuban parliament doesn't meet until May 4, the Spanish government would accept at once a suspension of hostilities if asked for by the insurgents from the general-in-chief, with whom it would, in such case, determine the duration and the conditions of an armistice.

The proposition submitted by Minister Woodford and the reply of Spain were both in the form of brief memoranda, the texts of which are substantially in the language above given. While it is understood that the Spanish government stands ready to give the insular congress full powers to settle the terms of peace with the insurgents, whether by direct negotiation or by means of legislation, does not appear.

With this last overture in the direction of peace and its disappointing reception, the executive was brought to an end in his efforts.

The Situation in December.

The president quotes from his message of December last, in which the alternative of recognition of belligerency, recognition of independence, neutral intervention and the imposition of a compromise on the contestants and intervention in favor of one party or the other, leaving annexation out of the question as "criminal aggression," are recited. He says he then held that the recognition of belligerency or independence could not be jutified in the light of precedents in history, nor could either bring relief to the situation. He says that events since then have not caused him to change his mind on those points. He quotes from President Jackson's message on the recognition of the independence of Texas, laying down the law that a revolutionary government must establish itself so formally as not to appear to be in danger of being conquered by a former sovereign.

Recognition Discussed.

President Jackson did not believe that Texas had reached this condition of stability and it was not until March 3 that independence was recognized by President Van Buren sending a representative of the United States, after Mexico had abandoned the attempt to reconquer the Texas territory, and when there was at the time no bona fide contest going on between the insurgent province and the former sovereign. I said in my message of December last: "It is to be seriously considered whether the Cuban insurgents possess beyond dispute the attributes of statehood which alone can demand recognition of belligerency in its favor." The same requirement must certainly be no less seriously considered when the graver issue of recognition of independence is in question, for a no less positive test can be applied to the greater than to the lesser, while on the other hand the influences and consequences of the struggle, which form important factors when the recognition of belligerency is concerned, are secondary if not rightly elimitable factors, when the real question is whether the community claiming recognition is or is not independent beyond peradventure. Nor from the standpoint of expedition do I think it would be wise or prudent for this government to recognize at the present time the independence of the so-called Cuban Republic. Such recogition is not necessary in order to enable us to intervene and pacify the island. To commit this country now to recognition of any partionlar government in Cuba might subject us to embarassing conditions of international obligation toward the organization so recognized. In case of intervention our conduct would be subject to the approval or disapproval of such governments. We would be required to submit to its direction and to assume to it the mere relation of a friendly ally. When it shall appear hereafter that there is within the island a government capable of performing the duties of discharging the functions of a separate nation, and having as a matter of fact the proper forms and attributes of nationality, such government can be promptly and readily recognized and the relations and interests of the United States with such nation adjusted.

Duty of a Neutral Nation.

The president said there remained intervention to end the war as a neutral power, as actively for one or the other party as to the former. He pointed out that we have been practically exercising friendly intervention for some months. All our acts tending toward the exertion of potential influence toward the ultimate pacific result, just and honorable to all concerned. The earnest desire has been for the peace and prosperity of Cuba, untarnished by differences between the United States and Spain, unstained by the blood of American citizens.

The president then points out that forcible intervention as a neutral power to stop the war on dictates of humanity has many historical precedents and is justifiable on rational grounds. "It involves hostile constraint on both parties to the contest as well as to enforce the truth as a guide to eventual settlement.

Summary of the Message.

The grounds for intervention are summarized as follows: "First, the cause of humanity; second, the protection of our citizens in Cuba; third, the serious injury to the commerce of our people; fourth, and which is the most important, the present condition of affairs in Cuba and the constant menace to our peace, which entails on this government an enormous expense.

With such a conflict waged for years in the island near us, with which our people have such large trade relations, when the lives and liberty of our citizens are in constant danger, their property destroyed, themselves ruined; where our trading vessels are liable to seizure and are seized at our very door by warships of a foreign nation, expeditions of fillibustering that we are powerless to prevent altogether, and irritating questions of entanglements thus arising. All these and others I need not mention, with resulting strained relations a constant menace to our people to keep them on a constant semi-war footing with a nation with which we are at peace.

The Maine Disaster.

The president then says: "These elements of danger and disorder are strikingly illustrated by the tragic event which deeply moved the American people." He says of this event, the destruction of the Maine, the report of the naval court of inquiry, which he has already sent to congress: "The detruction of that noble vessel filled the national heart with inexpressible horror." The message says the report of the Maine court that the vessel was destroyed by a mine leaves the responsibility to be fixed, but holds that in any event "the destruction of the Maine, by whatever exterior cause, is patent and impressive proof of a state of things in Cuba that is intolerable," since Spain cannot assure the safety of a vessel of the American navy in her waters on a friendly mission even.

Concerning the difference between the Spanish view of the cause of the disaster and the American view, and the suggestion by Spain that the matter be submitted to experts, Spain to make any reparation they find just, he says has received no reply.

Quotes Grant and Cleveland.

The president then quoted from the message of President [illegible], and from that of President Cleveland in his last annual message, to the effect that when Spanish sovereignty in Cuba should become so weak as to be hopeless of final maintenance, the duty would devolve on this government to intervene.

President McKinley then quoted from his own message of last December looking to intervention with force as the last resort, and says: "The long trial has proved that the object for which Spain has waged war cannot be attained." The fire of insurrection may flame or smoulder with the varying seasons, but it has not been and it is plain it cannot be extinguished by the present methods and the hope of relief and repose form the condition which cannot longer be endured is enforced pacification of Cuba. In the name of humanity, in the name of civilization, in behalf of endangered American interests which give us the right and duty to speak and act, the war in Cuba must stop.

The President for Intervention.

In view of these facts and considerations I ask conress to authorize and empower the president to take measures to secure a full termination of hostilities between the government of Spain and the Cuban people and to secure in the island the establishment of a stable government capable of maintaining order and observing international obligations, ensuring peace, tranquility and security to its citizens as well as to our own, and to use the military and naval forces of the United States as may be necessary for these purposes.

The Issue is With Congress.

And in the interests of humanity and to aid in preserving the lives of the starving people of the island, recommend that the distribution of food and supplies be continued, and that an appropriation be made out of the public treasury, supplemented by the charity of our citizens. The issue is now with congress. It is a solemn responsibility. I have exhausted every effort to relieve the intolerable condition of affairs at our doors. I am prepared to execute every obligation imposed upon me by the constitution and the law and I await your action.

Reference to Spain's "Concessions."

Yesterday and since the preparation of the foregoing message, official information has been received by me of the latest discretion of the queen regent of Spain, who directs General Blanco, in order to prepare and facilitate peace, to proclaim a suspension of hostilities, the duration and details of which are not yet communicated to me. This, with every other consideration, will, I am sure, however secure just and careful consideration in the solemn deliberations on which you are about to enter. If this measure attains the successful result our aspirations as a Christian peace-loving people, be realized; if it fails it is only another justification of our contemplated action

(SIGNED) WILLIAM McKINLEY.

HOW THE MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED

It Went to the Committees--Congress to Act Immediately.

The reading of the message in the house was greeted by scattering applause on the Republican side, with some groans on the Democratic side. The galleries made no demonstration. The message was referred to the committee on foreign affairs without debate and the house proceeded with District of Columbia business

Republican members of the foreign affairs committee met at 2 o'clock to consider formally the message.

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With new things all for Men and Boys.

We have been busy for a month unpacking and arranging. Now we are ready to show you all that is new in the way of Suits, Hats, Neckwear—anything. Styles and prices will interest you even if you think you don't want to buy.

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$5 will get a Vestee Suit that is a beauty, made of all wool covert cloth, trimmed in green broadcloth, interlaced braid on corners of the big sailor collar, double rows of pearl buttons on vest and coat, pearl chain, braid on front of coat and around collar, vestee embroidered with silk anchor.

$4.75 gets a handsome tan and brown plaid Velour Cassimere, trimmed with wide brown Soutache braid, narrow tan braid between, on corners of collar interlaced braid, vest with two pockets, big pearl buttons. Exquisite tailoring.

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25c for Fancy Mixtures in invisible checks—many novel effects in Tans, Browns and Greys,—makes a nice Spring costume—really cheap at 39c yd.

50c for choice of twenty-seven pieces of Black Dress Goods—all Wool Serges, Clay Worsted, Henriettas, Mohair Fancies and Bayadere Stripes—40 to 46 inches wide—suitable for odd skirts or entire dresses—has sold all season at 69c and 75c yd.

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A mammoth stock of staple a to make your selection. Investig can buy your dress linings at The age than at other shops where co and linings listed as "free."

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Laces--All Overs--Ruchings.

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A choice assortment of Spangled All Ov Black and Steel, and Black and Heliotr and Venice Dentelle All Over in Cream, Twine colors--with edges to match. Batt and Bands—match sets.

45 inch Black All Over in La Tosca, Craqu and Bayadere weaves upward from—yd—

New Swiss Ties in Pink, Light Blue and C med with Val lace—unusually low price at—each

Wall Paper.

The buying in this departme something phenomenal during week. The following bona lowerings will crowd the room.

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MESSA

The Republicans of the house who are in th are to meet this afternoon to decide upon a plan

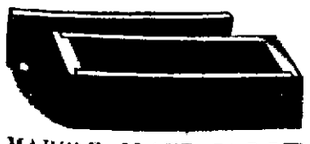
The Effe

Washington, April 11.—The president's me receive the endorsement of a majority of the se from speaking about it until they could have th way objection is based on the ground that it cl the rights of the Cubans. Senator Foraker said message and you can say so." He refused to go

The Consular

Washington, April 11.—The consular repor the message make about 60,000 words. Those are largely devoted to the suffering of the recon ing on the war. General Lee's reports cover m inflicted on the reconcentrados in Havana, but matters of general policy. In this report, parti as not in accordance with the best interests of now.

We carry a full lin



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ident Cleveland in his last annual message, to the effect that when ty in Cuba should become so weak as to be hopeless of final duty would devolve on this government to intervene.

Kinley then quoted from his own message of last December look- n with force as the last resort, and says: "The long trial has bject for which Spain has waged war cannot be attained." The n may flame or smoulder with the varying seasons, but it has not in it cannot be extinguished by the present methods and the hope se form the condition which cannot longer be endured is enforced aba. In the name of humanity, in the name of civilization, in be- d American interests which give us the right and duty to speak in Cuba must stop.

The President for Intervention.

ese facts and considerations I ask conress to authorize and em- nt to take measures to secure a full termination of hostilities be- ment of Spain and the Cuban people and to secure in the island of a stable government capable of maintaining order and observ- obligations, ensuring peace, tranquility and security to its citizens own, and to use the military and naval forces of the United States ry for these purposes.

The Issue is With Congress.

nterests of humanity and to aid in preserving the lives of the starv- island, recommend that the distribution of food and supplies be hat an appropriation be made out of the public treasury, supple- arity of our citizens. The issue is now with congress. It is a sol- I have exhausted every effort to relieve the intolerable condition pors. I am prepared to execute every obligation imposed upon me n and the law and I await your action.

ference to Spain's "Concessions."

d since the preparation of the foregoing message, offic'al information ived by me of the latest discretion of the queen regent of Spain, al Blanco, in order to prepare and facilitate peace, to proclaim a tilities, the duration and details of which are not yet communicat- with every other consideation, will, I am sure, however secure consideration in the solemn deliberations on which you are about measure attains the successful result our aspirations as a Chris- people, be realized; if it fails it is only another justification of our on

(SIGNED) WILLIAM McKINLEY.

THE MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED

t to the Committees--Con- ess to Act Immediately.

of the message in the house was greeted by scattering applause on le, with some groans on the Democratic side. The galleries made . The message was referred to the committee on foreign affairs nd the house proceeded with District of Columbia business. embers of the foreign affairs committee met at 2 o'clock to con- message.

(Concluded on next page.)

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With new things all for Men and Boys.

We have been busy for a month unpacking and arranging. Now we are ready to show you all that is new in the way of Suits, Hats, nything. Styles and prices will interest you hink you don't want to buy.

DRESS BOYS

question. It is so no lved it. Come and see s, fine workmanship, will say so too.

Vestee Suit that is a de of all wool covert green broadcloth, in- n corners of the big ple rows of pearl but- coat, pearl chain, braid and around collar, d with silk anchor.

handsome tan and laid Velour Cassimere, ado brown Soutache braid between, on cor- rlaced braid, vest with earl buttons. Exquis-

other handsome dark green serge, trimmed silk braid, upper part licloth, pearl buttons, and swell and worth

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SUITS, $2.00 up

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$3.50 for the Best

We have the swellest New Hats in town. The most particular and most stylish dressers say so and buy them. In our Longley and Enquirer Hats we are offering a $5.00 hat for $3.50 and $3. Those are our top prices, but the hats are worth $5.00. They equal in style, finish, fit and wearing qualities any hat made.

Fresh Neckwear

In an immense assortment is now in our show cases. Prices are no higher. Some things are lower. Everything that is new and swell will be shown by us.

Wide Apron Tecks, Long Narrow, Tecks, that can hardly be distinguished from tied ties, are offered in all the new shades. There are exquisite blendings These are 50 cents.

100 Dozen Club Ties, with bands and bows, in the new colors; neat, elegant effects are offered at

25c.

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in Jet Sets, Braid Sets and Braids of various widths and colors by the yard. Our collection is easily the largest in Decatur and every new idea has representation.

Madras Suiting.

A new 36 inch wash Material—checks, stripes and plaids—especially desirable for Shirt Waists. Real 15c goods for

12½c yd.

Turkish Bath Towels.

One Case at—

3c each.

Room Moulding.

One Lot worth 5c at—

3c foot.

Printed Muslin.

A pretty 30 inch Wash Fabric in stripes, plaids and figures—always brings 15c yd. Offered at—

7 1-2c yd.

Cotton Grenadine.

A special purchase of these fashionable Wash Goods in a host of pretty colorings enables us to offer them at less than half price. Always sell at 15c yd, but this week—

7c yd.

Spring Dress Goods.

If you've delayed the purchase of your Spring Dress you probably acted with wisdom, for Easter day marks the beginning of cut prices in the Dress Goods stock. Choice fabrics priced but little over half regular rates is a terse statement of conditions in this "after Easter" sale.

25c for Fancy Mixtures in invisible checks—many novel effects in Tans, Browns and Greys,—makes a nice Spring costume—really cheap at 39c yd.

50c for choice of twenty-seven pieces of Black Dress Goods—all Wool Serges, Clay Worsted, Henriettas, Mohair Fancies and Bayadere Stripes—40 to 46 inches wide—suitable for odd skirts or entire dresses—has sold all season at 69c and 75c yd.

29c for Wool Challies—27 inches wide-silk striped-light grounds—many exquisite designs—have sold at 39c and 50c yd.

59c for choice of 30 pieces of 46-inch all Wool and Silk and Wool Fancy Suitings. Illuminated Grenets, Silk and Wool Checks and Whip Cords—many pretty Tan, Grey and Blue-Grey effects—very desirable for separate skirts or whole costumes—have sold all season at $1.00 yd.

Dress Linings--Very Special.

A mammoth stock of staple and fancy linings from which to make your selection. Investigation will prove that you can buy your dress linings at The Big Store to better advantage than at other shops where combinations offers are made and linings listed as "free."

9c for extra quality Silesia lining that always sells at 15c yd.

2½c for Fast Black Cambric Lining that always sells at 5c yd.

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Women's Suits--Coats--Capes.

All of the chic, modish, stylish, outer garments for spring wear, of foreign or domestic creation, are here at prices that will prove genuine surprises. Our reputation for high class garments is recognized everywhere and the low price part is becoming more firmly established every day.

$10.00 for choice of 150 Women's Suits—Tan Covert Street Costumes, Jacket full Silk lined—Fancy Scotch and English Suitings made up with strap seams, buckle trimmed, fly front and full silk lined — Cheviot Serge Man Tailored Suits, Jacket and Skirt, full silk lined. This great lot of Women's high grade fine tailored Costumes, none of which is worth less than $15.00 offered at choice— $10.00

$4.98 for Women's Brocaded Silk Capes—Empire back—yoke effect — Chiffon, Ribbon and Jet trimmed—handsomely silk lined—collar of Ribbon and Chiffon; well worth $7.50.

$4.95 for Women's English Covert Cloth Jackets in a variety of Tan Shades—Fly Front Full Silk Lined—Lap Seams — easily worth $7.50.

A Sale of Silks.

The choicest weaves and colorings from all the foremost looms of this and foreign lands are offered here this week at prices that will certainly crowd the Silk counter. This is without doubt the greatest Bargain Sale of Silk Fabrics announced by any store this spring.

19c for Kaiki Wash Silks—19 inches wide—great colleciton of vari-colored stripes—especially suitable for Shirt Waists—sells elsewhere at 28c yard.

39c for Habutai Wash Silks — fancy stripes and checks—bright, pretty designs—real 45c quality.

$1.00 for Black Silk Grenadine—24 inches wide—many beautiful stripe and figured designs. These goods over a colored silk lining produce a very stylish and rich effect—always sells at $1.25 yard.

59c for plain and changeable Taffeta Silks a large assortment of the most desirable colors and combinations, including the scarce shades of Cerise, Cardinal, Turquois and Burnt Orange—regular $1.00 goods.

69c for Fancy Figured Bengalines, in handsome shades of green and red—desirable for waists or dresses—actually good value at $1.00 yard.

79c to $1.39 for fancy Silks for waists—the largest and most beautiful gathering in Decatur—values quite unusual.

Laces--All Overs--Ruchings.

An enormous and almost endless variety of new Spring Laces is here for your choosing.

Cape Ruching of every conceivable sort at a great range of small prices.

A choice assortment of Spangled All Over in Black, Black and Steel, and Black and Heliotrope. Venice and Venice Dentelle All Over in Cream, Butter and Twine colors—with edges to match. Battenburg edges and Bands—match sets.

45 inch Black All Over in La Tosca, Craquolle, Microbe and Bayadere weaves upward from—yd— 29c

New Swiss Ties in Pink, Light Blue and Cream—trimmed with Val lace—unusually low priced at each 25c

Wall Paper.

The buying in this department has been something phenomenal during the past week. The following bona fide price lowerings will crowd the room.

5c for all 7c and 8 ½c Papers 9 in border, 1½c, 18 inch border, 3c.

7c for all 10c papers, 18-inch borders, 4½c.

9c for all 12½c papers, 18-inch borders, 5c.

11c for all 15c Papers, 18-inch border, 7c.

14c for all 18c papers, 18-inch borders, 7c.

17c for all 20c papers, 18-inch borders, 8c.

BASEMENT ECONOMY

An interesting group of Housekeeping essentials pointing the way to much money saving in The Big Store's Basement—the busiest bargain center in Decatur. You'll notice the prices are from 25 to 50 per cent. less than is usual.

5-qt. Granite Iron Deep Pudding Pans 9c

Good size Glass Sauce Dishes 1½c

5 quart Granite Iron Sauce Pans 15c

120 Hard Wood Clothes Pins 5c

60 foot Jute Clothes Line 5c

5-quart Granite Iron Kettles 15c

Large Size, 4-bottle Castors—with one salt and pepper, 1 vinegar bottle and 1 mustard bottle—complete 39c

Wood Frame Clothes Wringers—white Rubber Rollers $1.09

Folding Adjustable Ironing Boards 48c

2-Sewed Extra Fine Whisk Brooms 5c

Turkey Feather Dusters 15c

3 quart Full size, Granite Iron Covered Pails 15c

Iron Frame Clothes Wringers—white Rubber rollers 98c

Mrs. Potts' Patent Iron Handles, fits any iron each 5c

Genuine Globe Wash Boards 9c

No. 8 "Never-break" Steel Fry Pans 15c

"Our Western Defender" Washing Machine—the best Washer Made— $1.98

Full Size Glass Table Tumblers 1c

White Coffee Cups and Saucers, per pair 4c

Nickel Plated Lemon Squeezers 9c

Perforated Chair Seats 3c

We have the largest assortment of Ice Glassware of any house in Decatur. One great Table Full—Cake Stands, Berry Dishes, Candy Trays, and scores of other elegant pieces of Novelty Glassware—all at one low Price 10c

Rutherford's "New Method" Wall paper Cleaner—will clean Wall paper, Window shades and Calsomine, per can— 15c

C. Rogers' Bros 'Guaranteed Silver Plate Knives and Forks—per set of half dozen each $1.98

Seed's Water Filter—Fits any Faucet..... 19c

Bed Quilts.

A Great Purchase of Over Five Hundred Quilts and Spreads at

25 Per Cent Discount

—goes on sale at an equal saving to The Big Store's economical customers This Sale is especially opportune, coming as it does just at Housecleaning time. Hotel and Boarding house keepers will save money by purchasing at this sale.

49c for White crochet Quilts that always sell at 75c.

$1.00 for Fine Quality crochet Quilts that always sell at $1.25.

$1.25 for Extra Fine Crochet Quilts that always sell at $1.50.

$1.49 for elegant Fringe Spreads that always sell at $1.75.

$2.25 for Fancy Marseilles Quilts that always sell at $2.75.

$2, $2.25, $2.49, $2.98, $3.49, and $4.98 for Heavy Marseilles Quilts that always sell for 25 per cent. more.

MESSAGE.

The Republicans of the house who are in the movement for aggressive action are to meet this afternoon to decide upon a plan action.

The Effect.

Washington, April 11.—The president's message did not after its first reading receive the endorsement of a majority of the senators. Many excused themselves from speaking about it until they could have time for careful perusal. In a general way objection is based on the ground that it did not go far enough in recognizing the rights of the Cubans. Senator Foraker said: "I have no patience with the message and you can say so." He refused to go into details.

The Consular Reports.

Washington, April 11.—The consular reports submitted by the president with the message make about 60,000 words. Those from the consuls outside of Havana are largely devoted to the suffering of the reconcentrados and the methods of carrying on the war. General Lee's reports cover not only the deaths and the outrages inflicted on the reconcentrados in Havana, but deal with Spanish decrees and other matters of general policy. In this report, particularly many parts, are suppressed as not in accordance with the best interests of the country to make them public now.

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THE APRIL TERM

Of County Court Opened by Judge Hammer.

JURY REPORTED FOR DUTY

And Was Excused for Two Weeks—Attorney Crea Gets Judgment for $600.80 — Other Court Matters.

To-day Judge Hammer opened the April term of the county court. Cases on both the common law and people's docket were called and the jurymen reported for duty and were excused for two weeks, when the jury cases will be taken up. The following were the cases disposed of today:

COMMON LAW.

John Newell vs. George Elliott and Mamie Elliott; assumpsit. Rule to plead by first Wednesday. Suit dismissed for want of prosecution.

F. L. Wood vs. Joseph Kretzer; distress for rent. Suit settled; costs paid

H. L. Oldham vs. George S. Lyons and Sons, appellants; continued.

Robert Day vs. Edward Day; assumpsit. Rule on defendant to file bill of particulars by third Monday.

PEOPLE'S CASES.

Caddy Hays; open lewdness. Fined $5 and costs on two counts. Stand committed till paid. Committance suspended 60 days.

Harry Cooper; petit larceny. Stricken with leave.

John Vanquish, petit larceny. Bond discharged; stricken with leave.

William and Fred Logue; petit larceny. Stricken with leave.

THE JURYMEN.

The following are the names of the jurymen who reported for duty today and were excused for two weeks:

Decatur—W. E. Montgomery, J. G. Flint, George B. Night, T. N. Wiggins, J. H. Melcher, Wate Allison, Ben Howard, John W. Sanner, John Weigand, Nicholas Rambo, E. E. Fair, Lewis Brown, N. Cool, William Hill, Richard Harkness, Miles McGonnigal, Henry Barnhart, J. C. Hendricks, John Adams, J. B. Fritz, K. M. Stafford.

Friends Creek—L. E. McKraham, J. W. Michels, John Goot, E. D. Camp.

Macon—Joseph Fenton, M. Bricker, Clarence Seigler, R. T. Hardin.

Mt. Zion—James Walker.

Niantic—W. T. Dannwood, H. Fitzhugh.

Oakley—John Weigle.

Pleasant View—J. R. Morganstein.

ATTORNEY CREA WON.

The sealed verdict in the case of David Garver vs. Attorney Hugh Crea, which was returned by the jury Saturday night, was opened this morning. The jury gave Mr. Crea judgment for $600.80. Garver sued Mr. Crea for $1000, claimed to be due from the estate and Mr. Crea claimed that he had a set off of $1780 for attorney fees. The jury allowed him $1600.

A Queer (?) Medicine.

There is a medicine whose proprietors do not claim to have discovered some hitherto unknown ingredient, or that it is a cure-all. This honest Medicine only claims to cure certain diseases, and that its ingredients are recognized by the most skilled physicians as being the best for Kidney and Bladder Diseases. It is Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Cockerill, well to-do farming people, will return to England in May to visit their native place, Yorkshire, a year or two.

Have You Had the Grip?

If you have, you probably need a reliable medicine like Foley's Honey and Tar to heal your lungs and stop the racking cough incidental to this disease. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

A WISCONSIN GHOST.

It Turned Out to Be a Fellow Who Was Practicing for War with Cuba.

Old Squire Wampus came down from a little town in the upper part of Wisconsin to visit relatives in this city. He had written them about a ghost that had been circulating in his section and they were naturally anxious to learn more of the mysterious appearance. A preliminary guffaw on the part of the squire relieved the children of their dread and he told the story.

"It was very exciting for a time," he related. "Scores of good, reliable people told of seeing the ghost, and it was from nine to twelve feet tall, depending a good deal on the terror of the observer. Not until it was decided to get out with rifles, dogs and shotguns to ascertain whether it was possible to materialize the ghost did Lawyer Wagley let the cat out of the bag. He is a man who has traveled the world over and thinks more of a joke than of a meal.

"We have a fellow up there that is crazy to go to war with Cuba. He called on Wagley, who had spent a year on the island, and asked him what kind of soldiering it would be over there. He told of the tropical swamps and the difficulties they presented to the advance or retreat of an army. 'The only way in the world that you can fit yourself to march in Cuba,' declared Wagley, 'is to get into a night shirt, mount a pair of stilts and then march back and forth the long way of an osage hedge.'

"The enthusiastic fellow took it all as gospel truth, and he was our ghost." —Detroit Free Press.

Milk with Meals.

If meat is served at meals, water would be much better than milk to serve as a beverage. Milk is a muscle-producing food, having the same properties as meat.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Don't think for a minute that actors and actresses kiss every time they make up.

Don't expect a man on his uppers to be a whole-soled fellow.

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MARKETS.

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CHICAGO, Ill., April 11.

	Opening	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Yest'day.
Wheat—					
April	—	—	—	—	—
May	1.06	106	105½	106	106
July	84⅝	84⅞	83½	83⅝	—
Corn—					
April	—	—	—	29⅝	29⅝
May	29⅝	29⅞	29⅜	29⅝	29⅞
July	30⅛	30⅜	30⅛	30⅜	31⅛
Oats—					
April	—	—	—	25⅝	25⅝
May	25¼	25⅜	25⅜	25⅜	25⅜
July	23	23⅛	23	23⅛	23⅛
Pork—					
May	9.80	9.80	9.72½	9.80	9.87½
Lard					
May	5.12½	5.17½	5.12½	5.17½	5.20
Ribs					
May	5.15	5.17½	5.15	5.17½	5.20

To-Day's Receipts—Car Lots.

Wheat—87; Estimated, 100; a year ago, 0. Corn—183; Estimated, 160; a year ago, 152. Oats—163; Estimated, 230; a year ago, 9.

Estimates for To-Morrow.

Wheat, 106; Corn, 300; Oats, 208.

Hogs.

Hog receipts, 37,000. Estimated, 28,000. Market 5c lower.

Light, $3.70@$3.92½; Mixed $3.75@$4.12; Heavy $3.80@$4.05; Rough, $3.70@$3.85. Estimated for to-morrow, 22,000.

Cattle.

Cattle receipts, 16,500. Market lower.

The number of families in the United Kingdom is just over 7,700,000.

Silver money 250 years old is still in circulation in some parts of Spain.

All beggars in Italy must be duly licensed.

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As a pain destroyer and cure for rheumatism, Salvation Oil is the peer of all liniments. Mr. Wm. H. Brown, proprietor of Strickhiger House, Cleveland, O., writes: "I suffered from rheumatism for twelve years and my last attack kept me in bed, unable to walk. I used Salvation Oil and soon was up and about. As a pain destroyer this liniment has no equal." Salvation Oil is sold everywhere for 25 cents. Try it and be convinced.

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The grand and beautiful Bible story of Abraham intercepted on the point of staying his cherished son has a deep significance which every mother should take to heart. Too many mothers of the present day bind their children upon the altar of neglect and misunderstanding, all unmindful that beneficent providence forbids the sacrifice.

Women who expect to be mothers do not care for their own health as they ought, and thus the health and lifelong wellfare of the prospective little one is sacrificed. All women should know and use the health-supporting power of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription in every delicate condition of the organs pertaining to maternity.

This special organism is directly strengthened and reinforced by this wonderful "Prescription." It renders the ordeal of motherhood entirely safe and comparatively easy; it gives constitutional energy and vigor to both mother and child; it absolutely cures every form of female weakness and disease. It is the only medicine in existence devised for this particular purpose by an educated, skilled physician of thirty years experience in this special field of practice. A full account of its marvelous properties is given in one chapter of Dr. Pierce's thousand-page illustrated book, "The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser," a paper-bound copy of which will be sent on receipt of twenty-one one-cent stamps to pay the *cost of mailing only*, or handsomely cloth-bound for thirty-one stamps. Address World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y. Every woman should read this book.

W. R. Malcolm, of Knobel, Clay County, Arkansas, writes. "Since I last wrote you we have had a baby girl born to us. My wife took your 'Favorite Prescription' all during the expectant period and until confinement, and she had no trouble to mention."

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of John A. Dawson, assignee of the estate of Lewis B. Casner, and against Clara E. Walker nee Ryman. I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Lot four (4.) Block three (3.) of Kautman's addition to the City of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, taken as property of the said Clara E. Walker nee Ryman, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, in said state, on the 5th day of April, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.

This 16th day of March, A. D. 1898.

J. P. NICHOLSON,
Sheriff Macon County, Illinois.
march 16-d&w

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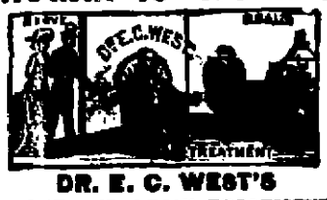

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THE DEATH RECORD.

SAMUEL MYERS.

Samuel Myers, a resident of Macon county since 1850, died suddenly of valvular heart trouble about noon Saturday, April 9, at the family home, near North Fork. He was the father of E. C., Myers of Warrensburg, John W. Myers of Decatur, Louis, James and Frank Myers, who are residents of Macon county and live near the home place. Nellie, the daughter, is married and lives in Kansas.

Mr. Myers was born in Ohio in 1848. He came to Macon county in 1850 and has resided here every since. He was held in highest esteem by all who knew him, and his acquaintance was very large. He was a remarkably well preserved man and retained his health and strength till a little over a year ago. Up to two years ago he worked in the field and did the regular farm work, apparently with as little effort as in his younger days. He had been failing for about a year, but lately had appeared to improve.

Mrs. Myers is confined to her bed with a broken hip, having fallen on the ice during the winter.

AMUSEMENTS.

AT THE GRAND.

The play tomorrow night will be "The South Before the War," by 50 people giving a great variety of music, buck and wing dancing, quartette and solo singers, genuine cake walk, also a pickaninny band composed of 17 little darkies. The scenery used is deserving of special praise, as it is a revelation in the part of stage craft, and it shows the cotton field in full bloom and the big white house in the distance. The camp meeting on Frog Island and the immense frog. The Mississippi river by moonlight, and the landing of the Robert E. Lee. This company travels in their own palace car. A parade will be given by the entire company.

"Shore Acres" will be at the Grand Wednesday night.

CIRCUS.

The La Pearl circus will be at the Wabash show grounds on Wednesday, April 20.

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We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Arrangements are being made to establish a branch of the Battle Creek, Mich., sanitarium, in charge of Seventh Day Adventists at Wateska.

A Queer (?) Medicine.

There is a medicine whose proprietors do not claim to have discovered some hitherto unknown ingredient, or that it is a cure-all. This honest Medicine only claims to cure certain diseases, and that its ingredients are recognized by the most skilled physicians as being the best for Kidney and Bladder Diseases. It is Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Cockerill, well to-do farming people, will return to England in May to visit their native place, Yorkshire, a year or two.

M. L. Yocum, Cameron, Pa., says: "I was a sufferer for ten years, trying most all kinds of pile remedies, but without success. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was recommended to me. I used one box. It has effected a permanent cure." As a permanent cure for piles DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve has no equal. H. W. Bell.

"Merry Girl," a $600 driving horse, owned by Hendricks & Corkey of Urbana, fell in the street April 7, and broke its neck.

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers.

Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick and positive relief in all cases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

A gray timber wolf as large as a shepherd dog was poisoned at Locust Grove, northeast of Homer, where it had killed a lamb.

KIDNEY DISEASES are the most fatal of all diseases. Foley's Kidney Cure a guaranteed remedy or money refunded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Moody Dodge, five miles east of Wenona, is over 96 years old, and has lived in that vicinity since 1855.

The farmer, the mechanic and the bicycle rider are liable to unexpected cuts and bruises. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the best thing to keep on hand. It heals quickly, and is a well known cure for piles. H. W. Bell.

W. Watkins, recently from Enfield, has bought the Gilchrist stock of boots and shoes at Lincoln.

Thousands of sufferers from grippe have been restored to health by One Minute Cough Cure. It quickly cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe, asthma, and all throat and lung diseases. H. W. Bell.

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If you have, you probably need a reliable medicine like Foley's Honey and Tar to heal your lungs and stop the racking cough incidental to this disease. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

WILL GO TO JACKSONVILLE.

Mrs. Hattie Hayden Brought to Decatur from Marea This Morning.

Mrs. Hattie Hayden, who was declared insane in the county court several weeks ago, was brought this morning from her home in Marea by Deputy Sam Stabler. Mrs. Hayden is a rather stout woman and the deputy had some difficulty with her. She was brought to Decatur, however, and taken to a hotel and tonight Deputy Stabler will take the woman to the asylum at Jacksonville.

I. O. O. F. Funeral Notice.

All members of Celestial Lodge, No. 186, are earnestly requested to meet at their hall Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. sharp to attend the funeral of Bro. William Dodson. Members of Dcatur Lodge, No. 65, and visting brothers are invited. S. D. Shepard, N. G.; Al Leach, Secretary.

Released from Jail.

Harry Cooper, the man who was arrested for stealing coal from the city water works plant, was released form the county jail today. His case was stricken with leave to reinstate.

SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

Norwegians at Heart Republicans, Hence Kingdom Is Troubled.

One dual realm subsides into quiet and the other threatens eruption and perhaps revolution. The intestine troubles of Austro-Hungary have been allayed, if not healed, by the mingled tact and firmness of the emperor-king. Forthwith the twin Scandinavian kingdoms renew their bickerings and threaten something worse. A joint committee representing both has for some time been at work trying to devise a modus vivendi satisfactory to both. It has new ended its deliberations in failure and despair. The fatal issue was the direction of foreign affairs. The Swedish representatives and the Norwegian representatives readily agreed to the plan of having a single foreign ministry for both kingdoms, but the Norwegian radicals dissented and insisted upon a separate foreign ministry, and, of course, separate diplomatic and consular service for each. There is no reason to suppose that Sweden will ever consent to that arrangement, nor that the Norwegian radicals will be content with anything short of it; and the radicals are, as a rule, the dominant party in Norway. When it is added that as a result of this disagreement, which has for some time been foreseen, both kingdoms are putting their armies and navies into warlike trim the seriousness of the situation is apparent.

The secret of the trouble is that the Norwegians are at heart, and, indeed, half of them avowedly, republicans, and would like to throw off the crown altogether and establish a republic. Moreover, they have the same pride in their own strength and the same contempt for the "soft Danes and Swedes" that King Olaf cherished, to his disaster. So there are [illegible] Swedes.

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Silver money 250 years old is still in circulation in some parts of Spain.

It is a great leap from the old-fashioned doses of blue mass and nauseous physics to the pleasant little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They cure constipation, sick headache and biliousness. H. W. Bell.

In India there is a fly which attacks and devours large spiders.

A Beacon of Hope,

To those afflicted with Kidney or Bladder Diseases is Foley's Kidney Cure. Guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

A kaffir's religion consists mostly in singing and dancing.

Thirty-five years make a generation. That is how long Adolph Fisher, of Zanesville, O., suffered from piles. He was cured by using three boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. H. W. Bell.

In the whole of Greece there are only 152 newspapers.

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The Chicago Shoe Manufacturing Co. and The Queen City Tailoring Co., adjoining buildings, were damaged to the extent of $175,000. Part of this mammoth stock has been shipped to Decatur, Ill., and placed in the large storeroom, 333 North Water street, Gallagher Block, and wil be sold to the people of Macon and adjoining counties, as directed by the Insurance Company, at LESS than appraised value. This great Fire Sale of Men's, Boys', Ladies' Misses' and Children's Shoes, together with Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing, will commence on Wednesday, April 13, 1898, and will continue until Saturday, April 16, 1898, making this the greatest four day's sale ever inaugurated in Decatur. Among the many bargains you'll find:

Ladies' and gents' house slippers ..... worth $1.00, at 48c
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Ladies' very fine shoes, needle toe, lace and button, worth $2.50, at $1.48
Ladies' French kid, hand turned, latest style, lace and button ..... worth $4.00, at $1.98
Men's very fine shoes ..... worth $2.50, at $1.24
Men's very fine calf shoes ..... worth $3.00, at $1.48
Men's fine custom made shoes, hand sewed, all latest styles, ... worth $4.00, at $1.98
Men's fine tan shoes, the very best makes ..... worth $4.00, at $1.98
Ladies', Misses' and Children's Oxford Ties at less than half price.
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Men's Pants, ... worth $1.50, at 68c
Men's Business Pants ..... worth $2.00, at $1.24
Men's Fine Dress Pants, ... worth $4.00, at $1.98
Children's Suits, ... worth $2.00, at 98c
Children's Fine Suits, ... worth $5.00, at $1.98
Men's Suits, ... worth $8.00, at $3.25
Men's Cassimere Suits, ... worth $12, at $4.75
Men's Fine Cassimere Suits, ... worth $15, at $6.78
Men's Fine Custom Made Suits, ... worth $18, at $8.68
Men's Fine Tailor Made Suits, ... worth $22, at $9.43
Men's Very Fine Satin Lined Suits, ... worth $25, at $11.78

And so on through the line you will find bargain after bargain, nothing reserved as everything must be sold in four days. Remember, Wednesday, April 13, is the day. And is for four days only. Look for the Great Fire Sale Sign. CHAS. JOHNSON, Agent.

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At a recent western wedding the wedding march was whistled by twelve girl friends of the bride.

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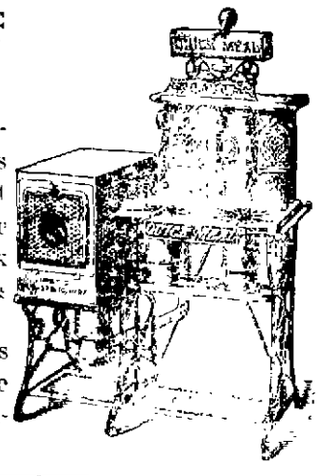

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NEW PHONE 373.

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WOLCOTT LE CLEA

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SYNOPSIS.

Robert Joyce, a "tenderfoot" from the East, with money in his pocket, comes to Boot Leg. From a man named "Lippy" Riley, he buys the Tio Juan mine, which Riley has "salted." This was done by shooting into the mine cartridges filled with gold dust, and the dust thus sprinkled over the surface leads Joyce to believe that it is valuable property. The innocent youth is annoyed by the men of the town on account of his golf costume. Old Mrs Elkins, the most respected woman in the town, hears of this and makes her nephew, Tom Caruthers, bring Joyce home to supper. She fancies a resemblance in him to a long dead son, which makes her all the more interested in the stranger. Joyce tells the story of the purchase of the Tio Juan, and is crestfallen to learn that he has been swindled. Both Mrs. Elkins and Tom are indignant, and the determined woman declares that with Tom's assistance she will get Joyce his money back. When the latter is leaving, Mrs. Elkins makes him take her pistol, and shows him how to use it. Tom accompanies Joyce, remarking that it is time he was at work. After they have gone some distance Tom says that he will not go to work that night because he will be fresher in the morning.

PART III.

"Rather an odd time to go to work, anyhow, isn't it?" asked Joyce.

"No. It's the reg'lar time in my business. Ther ain't nothin' doin' in the daytime. I run the 'Easy-Go'—didn't yer know that? It's a square game. Gener'ly I deal one er the tables myself, but I'll put somebody else on this evenin'. Ter morrer I start in at work on that ther mine er yours. We're pardners in that mine, you'n me. Don' fer get that, an' be careful you don't queer no other bluff I chuck. It'll take some play ter pull Lippy Riley fer the wad he got outer you. You ga'n turn in, now. Ther ain't no need fer yer ter be 'roun' that there hole in the groun' what yer call the Tio Juan, an' yer better away, but if yer meander down there sometimes in the course er the forenoon, it won't do no harm."

Joyce began to ask questions, but Tom cut him short. "Never min' what I'm a-gonter do," said he. "I don't rightly know myself, yet. But Lippy'll cough up that ther boodle 'fore I'm done with him. There he is, now, on the veranda er the hotel, there. I'm a-gonter commence. Don't do nothin' ter queer my game, now." Tom walked quickly up the steps of the veranda and exclaimed "Well, Lippy, how're they comin'?"

"All right, I reckon," growled the other, suspiciously.

"You know my frien', here, Mr. Bob Joyce," Tom went on. "You orter, anyhow. I don' reckon yer'll fergit him like this." Tom threw back his head and laughed uproariously. The laugh seemed to Joyce too natural to be wholly assumed. "Come on now an' have a drink," Tom concluded. "I reckon we owe a drink ter you." Riley did not decline invitations of this kind, no matter how suspicious he might be. He rose and followed the other two into the barroom. As the bartender saw them coming, he set out a bottle of dubious whiskey as a matter of course, and skated three thick bottomed glasses over the bar.

"Well, Lippy," said Tom, as they all three filled their glasses, "here's luck ter the Tio Juan—long may she wave." They drank, and returned their glasses to the bar with a simultaneous thump. Lippy sighed a sigh of deep satisfaction and wiped his lips with the back of his hand.

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"There!" said he, as they drew out of ear shot of the barroom. "I reckon I gave 'em sunthin' ter think o' ut until mornin', now. What's the number er yer cage?"

"My room, do you mean?" inquired Joyce. Tom nodded.

"Sure," said he. "That's it? All right, then. That's all I wanter know. I promised her I'd see you safe in yer room. What I said about lookin' at the papers was all a bluff—I don't care nothin' about them. Any time you happen ter turn out, jus' stroll down ter the Tio Juan, an' watch me diggin' gold out in hunks. Only don't you say a word—I'm a-runnin' this yer game, now. Good night." Tom gently pushed his companion inside the bare little stall that posed, in the Boot Leg hotel, for a room, and then closed the door and left him.

As Tom's footsteps stamped down the resounding stairs and then died away, Joyce drew the slender bolt that secured his door and, laying the derringer of Old Mrs. Elkins' on a chair by the head of his bed, rapidly undressed.

As he passed by the hotel veranda on his way to the Tio Juan the next morning, several of the men he had seen the night before were sitting there. Religiously he kept his hand on the derringer in his pocket, as Old Mrs. Elkins had told him to, but no one offered to interfere with him. Scowling looks and a muttered growl from one or two of the men seemed to serve as a source of amusement for the rest. A rumor that in some unknown way Joyce had got the better of Riley in a mining deal

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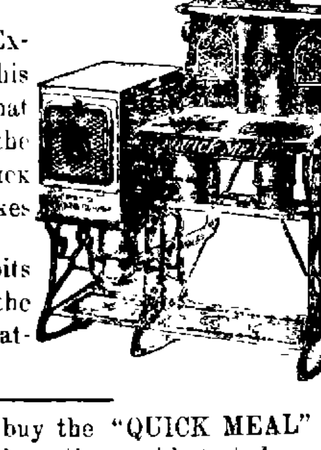

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"[illegible]," said he. "That's it? All right, [illegible]. That's all I wanter know. I promised [illegible] I'd see you safe in yer room. What I said about lookin' at the papers was all a bluff—I don't care nothin' [illegible] them. Any time you happen ter turn out, jus' stroll down ter the Tio Juan, an' watch me diggin' gold out in [illegible]. Only don't you say a word—[illegible] this yer game, now. Good night." Tom gently pushed his companion inside the bare little stall that posed, in the Boot Leg hotel, for a room, and then closed the door and left him.

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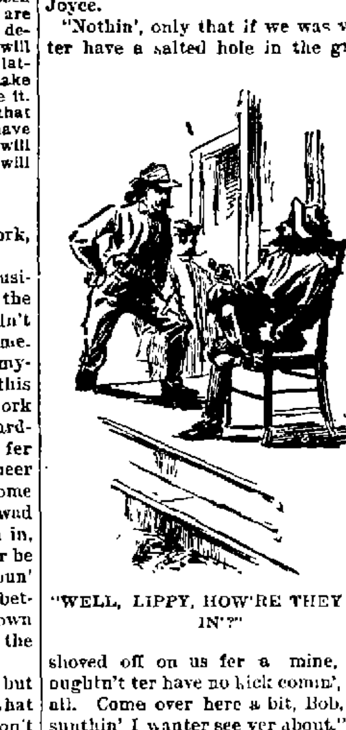
As he passed by the hotel veranda on his way to the Tio Juan the next morning, several of the men he had seen the night before were sitting there. Remembering [illegible] he kept his hand on the derringer in his pocket, as Old Mrs. Elkins had told him to, but no one offered to interfere with him. Scowling looks and a [illegible] growl from one or two of the men seemed to serve as a source of amusement for the rest. A rumor that in some unknown way Joyce had got the better of Riley in a mining deal was current among the men, and, though Joyce did not know it, had raised him many degrees in their estimation. He passed on without speaking to them, and hurried down the path that led down the river, where Tom was standing waist deep in the shallow depression that marked the Tio Juan. Several men were lounging about the edge.

"Mornin', Bob," called Tom, cheerily, as Joyce approached. "These here gentlemen is anxious ter get at the bottom fact about thisyer mine. They been askin' me questions till they're black in the face."

"What did you tell them?" asked Joyce.

"Nothin', only that if we was willin' ter have a salted hole in the ground



"WELL, LIPPY, HOW'RE THEY COMIN'?"

shoved off on us fer a mine, they oughtn't ter have no kick comin', that's all. Come over here a bit, Bob, I got sunthin' I wanter see yer about." Taking the hint, the men laughed the uneasy laugh of those who wish to conciliate, and then moved away. Tom drew his partner to one side.

"I wanted ter get rid er them ducks," said Tom, as the last man disappeared. "They keeps on tryin' ter get me ter tell why I'm in thisyer business when I always said I hadn't no use fer mines. They think you're some big minin' sharp what's seen all along that this is a good thing, an' got it cheap f'm Lippy an' then let me in. The claims on both sides has gone up so's no one can't buy 'em. I ain't said a word, only that you thought you knowed a good thing when you see it, an' couldn't let no chance slip. There ain't no lie in none er that' you see. They're foolin' themselves, though. Lippy Riley was down here twice already. Oh, we'll get him all right, all right. Jus' you watch me come home at noon. Oh, say, I mos' forgot! She tol' me ter tell yer come up 'th' house as soon's yer can, an' stay ter dinner. Here she comes, now, an' here comes Lippy Riley, too. You better mosey 'long, so's yer won't queer my game. I'll be home in an hour er two."

As Tom finished speaking, Riley and Old Mrs. Elkins appeared, coming from different directions. From his manner, Riley evidently wished to speak with Tom, and Joyce, therefore, went to meet Old Mrs. Elkins, who at once took him home with her.

"Set right down heah an' smoke youah pipe an' let me know when yuh see Tom a-comin'," said she, as they reached her cottage, pointing to a box that stood on the little veranda. "I'm a-gontah get dinnah ready, an' I'd like tah know when tah set it out." Joyce knew perfectly well that it was in order to keep him from wandering into possible danger that was stationed in that place, yet he accepted the situation as meekly as Tom himself could have done. Old Mrs Elkins had a wonderful faculty of obtaining obedience from those with whom she came in contact.

The shade and the cool breeze that blew over this elevated spot were grateful enough after the glare and heat of the plain below, and the time passed not unpleasantly to Joyce as he sat there. He could see nearly down to the Tio Juan itself, so that Tom had hardly left the mine when Joyce spied him. He called the news to Old Mrs. Elkins, and then sat watching Tom as he approached. In his left hand Tom was carrying a bundle done up in a red bandanna handkerchief; his right hand was resting on the pistol that hung in his belt. It seemed to be a very heavy bundle, for once Tom set it down and rested a minute. When he lifted it again, something fell from it, apparently unperceived by Tom, who took up his journey toward the house without looking back.

The thing that dropped from the bundle, whatever it was, was at once pounced upon by two or three men who were following Tom at some distance. They examined it eagerly, passing it from one to the other, and then putting their heads together in an excited group. They were still standing in this way when Tom came up the steps, and with a nod to Joyce, carried his bundle directly into the house.

"Look here, Tom, did you know that you dropped something out of that bundle just now?" asked Joyce, following Tom into the house.

Tom winked knowingly. "I know all erbout that," said he. "It was gold what they picked up—a little nugget. I see them fellers a-follerin' me, so I thought I'd give 'em sunthin' ter think erbout. It'll keep 'em guessin' fer a while, I reckon."

Tom opened the handkerchief as he was speaking, disclosing a lot of waterworn pebbles from the river bed. He shied them out of the window, one after another, then shook out the handkerchief and put it in his pocket. "Don't ask no questions," said he, seeing that Joyce was looking at him curiously. "I'm runnin' this here Tio Juan outfit now, an' I'm sure a-runnin' her fer all she's worth, too. Dinner ready? Well, jus' wait a week, an' it'll be ready, too." Taking a tin basin from where it hung on a nail, Tom left the room. Outside he was heard to splash and sputter for a minute or two, after which he returned, red and polished, and took his seat at the table. He was in high spirits as he hurried through with his dinner.

"They're sure a-bitin'," said he, between the mouthfuls; "Riley mos' of all. I had three offers fer the Tio Juan already this mornin', an' I reckon I'll get one to reach my figgers 'fore night. I tell 'em the mine ain't no good, an' they think I'm lyin'. I says I don't see's I got any call fer to try'n sell the mine, an' wouldn't only that you wanter, an' that they swallers whole—an' there ain't no lie in it. I ain't told a lie yet, though I could a put up some gilt edged ones if I'd a had ter. Oh, say, it's great sport." Tom stopped in order to laugh, but choked the laugh short and added more gravely: "Look here, you wanter keep them papers where you c'n get at 'em sudden when I come fer 'em, an' I'm liable ter come mos' any time. Got 'em here? Yes? That's right. Well, I mus' go now."

"Don't you think I'd better go with you?" asked Joyce.

"Not much!" replied Tom, emphatically. "Why, you couldn't do no good —might knock the whole business. Besides, there ain't no tellin' what Lippy Riley'll do. He ain't a nice boy, an' he ain't none too pleased by thinkin' he sol' a mine when he meant ter shove the salt onto a tenderfoot. You stay here along er her. She's a better man 'n he is, any time."

"I don't want anybody to take care of me. I can take care of myself," cried Joyce, hotly, rather indignant at the idea of being consigned to the protection of a woman. Tom grinned indulgently.

"That's all right," he said, consolingly. "I knowed you was all there when it comes to a scrap—fists an' that—but this here would be a fight, an' you said you couldn't shoot."

"I said I wasn't much good with a pistol—I've not practiced much. I've won a few prizes at the pigeons, though, and I don't think I'd miss a man at twenty yards rise," replied Joyce, looking at a shotgun that stood in a corner.

"You don't say! That's good. Well, there's twelve buckshot in each bar'l, if the charges are like I left 'em, an' the ca'tridges is on the shelf. You won't have no call to use her, mos' like. See you later." Tom swung out of the door, and his footsteps died away as he walked rapidly down the road. Joyce picked up the gun, threw open the breech, and withdrew the two cartridges, looked at the pasteboard wads that closed them. On each was printed with a rubber stamp the letters "Bck." and underneath "$1\frac{1}{2}$ dr." Joyce examined the weapon critically and in a manner that showed his familiarity with its use, before replacing the charges and setting it carefully aside. Old Mrs. Elkins was watching him closely.

"You know how tah use it, all right," said she, as Joyce closed the breech and set down the gun. Anyone could see that. I'm glad you can; Tawm'll think all the bettah of yuh foh it. Not that he don' think well of yuh now," she hastened to add, "but he'll think moah yet if yuh can shoot. He ain't much with a shawtgun himself, but theah ain't nobody 'roun' heah that can best him with a six-shootah. If theah was only time, yuh could take him out an' show him. But theah ain't time."

"Not time? Why not?" asked Joyce. "I'd like awful well to go shooting with him, as soon as this affair is settled. I can go any time, then."

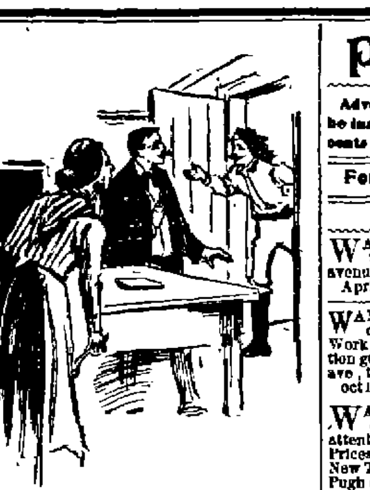
Old Mrs. Elkins made no reply to Joyce's questions. "My boy—him that's gone—him that you look like—was a mighty fine han' with a shawtgun," said she, with an air of timidity that always came over her when this subject was introduced. "Theah wasn' no men that could beat him, back where we lived then, in Texas. An' he wasn' only sixteen yeah ol'."

"I suppose he had lots of chances to practise," said Joyce, rather at a loss what to say. "Very likely he could use a six-shooter pretty well, too. Couldn't he?"

Her face flushed with pride. "The othah men had the drawp," she replied, "an' they was three tah one, yet my boy fiahed two shawts an' got one man befoah he fell. He'd killed the brothah of one of ah the men foh beatin' a woman —a Greasah woman—that's what stahted it."

"I don't wonder that you're proud of that boy of yours," said Joyce. Old Mrs. Elkins gave him a look full of gratitude, then went to a window and stood looking out. Joyce did not care to pursue further so delicate a subject. "Isn't it awfully odd," he asked, "that those chaps who went and salted this mine and sold it to me will turn right around and buy it again?"

"No, it ain't no ways strange," she replied. "Men what goes intah a game like that don' nevahseem tah think that they can be done on the same lay. I seen it wuhked times outah min'. Besides, they all know Tawm don't like



"GIMME THE PAPER. I HAVE MADE THE DEAL."

diggin' none too well, an' they'll think that he wouldn't do it without big money in sight. An' then this man Riley ain't no ways brilliant. He's crooked, that's all. Heah comes Tawm, now. He's aftah the papers, prawb'ly." Tom's footstep was heard on the veranda, and as she was speaking he burst into the room.

"Gimme the paper," said he, as soon as he entered. "I've made the deal—that is, I reckon I have. It'll take some play, though, yet. These them? All right." Tom put the documents carefully inside his flannel shirt and turned to go, but stopped as he reached the door. "I don't know when I'll be back," he called. "It'll take a little time fer Riley ter chaw it all over, an' a longer time yet 'fore he c'n get the money. He'll have ter get the money, though; this here's a cash game, you bet. You wait here, Bob. So long."

TO BE CONCLUDED.

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Notice is hereby given that on TUESDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF APRIL, 1898, next, at

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Voting Precinct Number Two, in the First ward, at Number 2,4 Wabash avenue, known as Albert's Feed Store.

Voting Precinct Number One, in the Second ward, at Number 347 North Main street, known as Waltz Building.

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Second ward, at the rear of Number 747 West Prairie avenue, known as R. R. Montgomery's Barn

Voting Precinct Number One, in the Third ward, at Number — S. Monroe street, known as Newell's Building.

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Third ward, at 201 West Wood street, known as Deake's Barn.

Voting Precinct Number Three, in the Third ward, at Number — Siegel street, known as Dodd's Store.

Voting Precinct Number One, in Fourth ward, Council Rooms

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Fourth ward, at Number — South Webster street, known as Jacobs' Store.

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Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Fifth ward, at Number 527 N. Calhoun street known as Witt's Building.

Voting Precinct Number One, in the Sixth ward, at Number 1100 N. Water street, known as Potts' Store.

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Sixth ward, at Number — N Water street, known as Fulton's Grocery Store

Voting Precinct Number Three, in the Sixth ward, at Number — North Calhoun street, known as Knapp's grocery store.

Voting Precinct Number One, in the Seventh ward, at Number 1174 N Church street, known as Masterson's blacksmith shop

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One alderman in the Seventh ward for two years.

Which election will be opened at seven o'clock in the morning, and shall be closed at five o'clock in the evening of that day

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 30th day of March, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Eight.

JOHN A. REEVE, City Clerk.

March 30-dtd

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Executrix' Notice.

Estate of William Bowers, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executrix of the estate of William Bowers, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the May term, on the first Monday in May next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 12th day of March 1898

E. A. BOWERS, Executrix.

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CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss.

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, May Term, A. D 1898.

Priscilla A. Orr vs. Mary Giblin—In Chancery.

Affidavit that the residence of the defendant, Mary Giblin, is unknown to affiant, and that affiant has made diligent inquiry to learn the place of residence of the said defendant and has been unable to ascertain the same, having been filed in the office of the clerk of said Macon county, notice is hereby given to the said Mary Giblin that the complainant had her bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, on the 4th day of February, A. D. 1898, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against said defendant Mary Giblin, returnable on the 9th day of May next, 1898, as is by law required.

Now, unless you the said Mary Giblin, shall personally be and appear before said circuit court of Macon county, on the first day of the next term thereof, to be holden in Decatur, in said county, on the 9th day of May, 1898, and plead, answer or demur to the said complainant's bill of complaint, the same, and the matters and things therein charged and stated, will be taken as confessed and a decree entered against you, according to the prayer of said bill.

D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.

Benedict & Dixon and Edward Wilson, Complainant's Sol. March 18 d4w

Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.

Public notice is hereby given that I will sell at public vendue on the 2[illegible]th day of April, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house in the City of Decatur, Illinois, the following real estate, to wit: Lot three (3) of the south half of section thirty six (36), township sixteen (16) north, range three (3) east of the third principal meridian, according to the plat accompanying the report of the commissioners in the partition of the estate of Jacob Myers, deceased, as recorded in the circuit court record "D," page 364, containing 89 acres. Also commencing 5 50 chains south and 5 05 chains west of the northeast corner of section one (1), township fifteen (15) north, range three (3) east of the third principal meridian, thence south 11 22 chains, thence west 22 27 chains, thence north 11 22 chains, thence east 22 27 chains to the place of beginning, containing 25 acres more or less, also commencing at the southeast corner of lot three (3) in the northeast quarter of section one (1), township fifteen (15) north, range three (3) east of the third principal meridian, thence west 5 08 chains, thence north 32 chains, thence east 5 08 chains, thence south 32 chains to the place of beginning, except 8 71 acres off of the south end thereof, leaving 7 50 acres; also 12 acres off of the east end of 27 acres off the entire north side of lot three in the northeast quarter of said section one (1), township and range as aforesaid, also, commencing at a point 12 52 chains east of the northwest corner of lot three (3), in section one (1), township and range aforesaid, thence east 5 46 chains, thence south 5 50 chains, thence west 5 46 chains, thence north 5.50 chains to beginning. Situate in the county of Macon, state of Illinois, and containing in all 135 50 acres. All free from incumbrance and dower and homestead.

TERMS OF SALE.—One third of purchase price cash in hand on day of sale, the remainder to be paid in two equal payments, the first being due and payable six months after the day of sale, and the last payment due and payable one year after the day of sale, deferred payments to be secured by mortgage on said property and by notes with good personal security to draw interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, or the whole of the purchase price may be paid on the day of sale, at the option of the purchaser.

ROBERT TAYLOR, Administrator of the Estate of John A. Myers, Deceased

March 15-dtd

Administrator's Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } SS.

In the County Court of Macon County, Illinois, at the February Term, A. D 1898.

Albert H Cope, administrator of the estate of Clarissa Devore, deceased vs. Virgil Devore, Fedella Devore, Mary Cleghorn, Benjamin Cleghorn, Eliza Brewer, Jasper Brewer, Jasper Wilson, Clara Wilson, George Wilson, Nellie Wilson, Harriet Walsh, James Walsh, George Wilson and Jane Wilson,—Petition to sell real estate to pay debts and assign dower and homestead.

Public notice is hereby given that I will on Saturday, the 23d of April, A. D. 1898, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, county of Macon and State of Illinois, between the hours of ten (10) o'clock a. m. and five (5) o'clock p. m. of said day beginning at two (2) o'clock p. m., by virtue of an order of the said court entered at the February Term A. D. 1898 thereof, sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate, to-wit: Forty-eight (48) feet off of the east end of the following described land, to-wit: Commencing at the center of the north line of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section number sixteen (16), township number sixteen (16) north, range two (2) east of the Third Principal Meridian, thence south two (2) chains, thence west five (5) chains, thence north two (2) chains to the forty (40) acre line, thence east five (5) chains to the place of beginning, situate in Macon county, Illinois.

The terms of the said sale to be cash in hand on day of sale.

ALBERT H. COPE, Administrator of the Estate of Clarissa DeVore, Deceased. m5-d4w

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, Macon County, } ss.

In the Circuit Court of said County and State, to the May Term, A. D 1898

Daniel Knotts vs. Robert Hunter, Sophronia Hunter, George Hunter, Ida Hunter, R. B. Nicholson and Emma L. Biller.

Affidavit that Robert Hunter and Sophronia Hunter, two of the above named defendants, are not nor is either of them residents of the State of Illinois, having been filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of said county in said cause notice is hereby given to the said Robert Hunter and Sophronia Hunter that Daniel Knotts, the above named complainant, heretofore filed his bill of complaint, to foreclose a mortgage, etc, in the circuit court of said county, which suit is still pending and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against all of the above named defendants, returnable on the first day of the next May term of said court, to be held at the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county and State, on the second Monday in the month of May, 1898.

Now unless you, the said Robert Hunter and Sophronia Hunter shall be and appear before the said court on the first day of the said term, and plead, answer or demur to said bill of complaint, the same will be taken as confessed and a decree rendered against you according to the prayer thereof.

Dated this 5th day of April, A D 1898.

apr 5-d4w D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss

In the Circuit Court of Macon County, to May Term, A. D. 1898

Minnie Nelson vs. William D Nelson—In Chancery.

Notice is hereby given to the said William D. Nelson, defendant, that the above named complainant, Minnie Nelson has heretofore filed her bill of complaint in said court on the chancery side thereof and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against you the above named defendant, returnable on the first day of the next May term of said court, to be held at the court house of said county, at Decatur in said county, on the second Monday in the month of May, A. D. 1898, as by law required and which suit is still pending.

D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.

Wm T. Cussins, Complainant's Sol

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ILLINOIS CENTRAL EXCURSIONS.

One way settlers' rates to points south and southeast. Tickets on sale the 1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month.

Winter tourist rates to points south are now on. Final limit of June 1st, 1898.

For information or tickets write or call on W. L. Smith, Union Depot, or T. Penwell, 121 E. William street, Decatur, Ill.

Homeseekers' Excursions on Illinois Central.

On April 5th and 19th the I. C. will sell Homeseeker Excursion tickets to following territory: Points in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Indian Territory, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma Territory, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. These tickets are good 21 days from date of sale and liberal stop over privileges will be granted on going trip beyond first homeseeker excursion point on terminal line. Rate will be one fare plus $2.00 for the round trip. Tickets on sale at City office 121 E. William street or Union Depot

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Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 23-dtf

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Go to Spencer & Lehman's, corner of Wood and Main streets, for fine and medium grade buggies, surreys, phaetons, road wagons, roadcarts, spring wagons, farm wagons.—m1-d&wtf

Do you want plastering done. If so telephone 528, new 'phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren.—5-dtf

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for wood pumps, iron lift pumps, force pumps, chain pumps and pump repairing.—Mar. 1-d&wtf.

Denz—the Leading Tailor.—apr6-dtf

Entertainment Tuesday Evening.

The Junior Christian Endeavor society of the First Baptist church will give an entertainment at the church on Tuesday evening. The program will be given as follows:

Chorus—Juniors.

Scripture Reading—Edith Sanders, president.

Prayer—Rev. Bowyer, and response.

Piano Solo—Dea Etta Runyan.

Dialogue—Anna Glaser, Grace Dill, Leta Seaforth.

Recitation—"Easter Eggs," Robert Glaser.

Is Now Dr. J. D. Milligan.

James D. Milligan, son of James Milligan of East Eldorado street, graduated on last Saturday from the Marion-Sims medical school of St. Louis. Dr. Milligan was formerly a student in the office of Drs. Jones and Chenoweth.

Executive Committee Meeting.

The executive committee of the Christian Endeavor society of the First Presbyterian church will hold a meeting at the home of Miss Fannie Bivens of West Main street this evening.

Will Elect Officers.

The Athletic association of the Y. M. C. A. will hold a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. room tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock. New officers will be elected.

At Anna B. Millikin Home.

Mrs. Arthur Kenney conducted Easter services at the Anna B. Millikin home yesterday afternoon.

Ladies' Night.

Thursday evening April 14. will be ladies' night at the Decatur club. Cards and dancing.

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PERSONAL.

—Mrs. F. B. Easterly is the guest of her parents at Blue Mound.

—F. B. Easterly spent Sunday in St. Louis.

—Mrs. Allen Scott, sister of Miss Emma Williams of West Wood street, who has been ill for several weeks is not improving.

—Miss Blanche Alexander is the guest of Miss Laura Tullis at Chester.

—Platt Sanders, the owner of the trotting horse, Hal Pointer, visited in the city yesterday with Bart Hubbard, the horseman.

—Harry Pearce, who has been visiting in the city, left today for St. Louis, where he will resume his position in the general offices of the Vandalia road.

—Misses Hindeliffe and Judd, who have been visiting friends in Decatur, returned to their home in Clinton.

—Mrs. J. W. Crane, who has been ill, is convalescing.

—Mrs. J. W. Waltz of Bement was in town Saturday, en route to Nokomis to visit her parents, Rev. E. S. Wamsley and family.

—S. S. Clapper has closed his term of school at Chestnut and returned to this city to resume the practice of law.

—Mrs. H. M. Kreidler of North Franklin street is in Chicago recuperating her health.

—Miss Nellie Berr, stenographer for the Armour Packing Co., spent Easter with her parents, Mr. Josiah Berr and family, at Mowequa.

—Mrs. Eva Matthews of North Water street is visiting in St. Louis.

—Reuben Smith, who formerly resided in Decatur, has removed to Windsor, Ill., where he owns a bank.

—George W. Meyer went to Chicago this morning on business.

—C. P. Thatcher has returned from San Antonio, Tex., where he has spent the winter.

—William Traver has returned from a stay of several months in California.

—Dr. Marie L. Hunt and neice, Edna Strader, of Chicago, are the guests of Robert I. Hunt and mother.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hiser, residing northwest of the city, on Saturday, April 9, a son.

—J. M. Hall, of Warrensburg, spent Sunday in Decatur.

—Richard Hardy, of Forsyth, transacted business in the city today.

—W. H. Hall, of the Godman Shoe Co., of Columbus, O., is in the city for a short stay.

—J. M. Clarkson of Oakley, was in the city today.

—Mrs. Gertrude Foulke and children, of Portland, Oregon, who have been the guests of Mrs. Foulke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Lanham of North Union street for several weeks, left for home today.

DR. J. S. KING IN LINE.

Has Tendered His Services to Surgeon General.

Dr. J. S. King in answer to a call from the Surgeon General of the Washington district R. A. U. S. A., for surgeons who have passed through a siege of yellow fever and have experienced an attack of the fever, has tendered his services in case of war with Spain. Dr. King decided on Saturday afternoon to offer his services in response to this call and immediately wrote a letter to the Surgeon General sending his army record as a surgeon and offering his services, should there be an occasion for them. Dr. King is certainly equipped in the best possible manner to serve in just such an emergency as this. He passed the examination before the general army board in 1863, and was commissioned a surgeon in charge of the regiment, but before he was mustered in the service he received a letter appointing him acting assistant surgeon under J. H. Bousher, of the 17th Regiment Miss. Infantry, at Vicksburg. He was transferred from this regiment to the 30th Regiment Ind. Infantry, and was stationed for a time at Memphis and other southern cities. During this time he also had charge of the 4th Battalion Tennessee cavalry. He was relieved of duty by Maj. S. A. Hurlbut, and under Gen. McPherson placed in charge of the U. S. Hospital at Natchez, in the officers' department. He was also appointed a member and secretary of the board of health at Natchez, and was placed in charge of the city hospital. After his discharge from the service Dr. King remained for ten years in Natchez, Miss., and during that time went through three severe epidemics of yellow fever. His entire family and himself were victims of the fever. The last epidemic of the fever was in 1871, and at this time 1375 cases were reported at Natchez.

A Call.

All volunteer firemen are requested to meet at the council room tomorrow at 1:30, to attend the funeral of the late William Dodson. J. M. Hughes, President; Enos Keppler, Secretary.

Arrived Yesterday.

Our fresh stock of garden seeds, everything in that line can be had at Leon & Morris' store, 138 East Wood street.—15-dtf

MORNING WEDDING

Miss Polly Vail Married to Dan'l Maltimore, of Cal.

AT THE HOME OF JUDGE VAIL

Ceremony was Performed at 9.30 O'clock by Rev. Bedford-Jones —Couple Left at Noon for Chicago.

The marriage of Daniel C. Miltimore, of Los Angeles, California, and Miss Polly B. Vail, occurred this morning at the home of the bride's brother, Judge E. P. Vail, on West Decatur street. The wedding was somewhat of a surprise to the many friends of Miss Vail as it was not generally known that she was to be married so soon.

The Episcopal marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. W. J. W. Bedford-Jones, rector of All Angels' church. Only the members of the family were in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Miltimore left at noon for Chicago.

The groom is a fruit grower and interested in large olive groves in California. He and his wife will make their home at Los Angeles. Mr. Miltimore was in Decatur several years ago promoting the fruit growing interests of California, and has visited here a number of times since then. Miss Vail is a sister of Judge Vail and is widely known in Decatur. For a number of years she has been official stenographer in the circuit court, and held the position with great credit. She was a member of the Women's Club, and possessed considerable literary attainments. She was a lady of charming manners and had many warm friends in Decatur who admired her for her good qualities.

CRUELTIES IN CUBA.

Gist of Some of the Consular Reports —Awful Conditions.

Washington, April 11.—The consular reports as to the condition of affairs in Cuba have been published. They present pictures of awful suffering and cruelties in part as follows:

On the public square in the center of Santa Clara, a city of nearly 20,000 people, there had just occurred something which will hardly be credited, but the statement is vouched for by an official of the United States. When Weyler's supplemental order, abolishing the cultivation zones, was enforced, a family of six persons was turned out of a hut which was immediately burned. After vain efforts to obtain other shelter this family camped on the edge of the plaza in the most frequented part of the city. The father thought it would be for only a night. In the morning one of the children, a little boy, died. Another child sickened and later the father was taken with the fever. Four members of that family perished in the little spot on the plaza in view of the hundreds of daily passers.

"Of such cases I could tell many," wrote the representative of the United States.

A consul told of a discovery made in the reconcentrado's camp on the outskirts of the city of Matanzas, where he was located. Some of the families of country people had taken refuge in several abandoned lime kilns. After the so-called humane policy of Blanco had been in force attention was attracted to one of these kilns by the bad smell. Of a family of 17 which had taken shelter there 14 lay dead and the remaining three were barely alive. The family had succumbed to starvation a full month after the inauguration of the new policy.

The magnitude of the misery only became known to the consuls after they received supplies and began to distribute relief. One wrote:

"I have discovered not less (I believe more, perhaps 10,000 more) than 80,000 perishing souls scattered in 30 towns. These towns ranged in population from 200 to 25,000 before the war. The worst feature is that close investigation has proven 50 per cent are very sick, bed ridden. In one place I have listed 4000 starving people, and 70 per cent of the grown persons are widows. We have the sick list revised daily. Of those to whom we have given relief a roster is kept, with age, sex and character of sickness. Since we began this work the deaths in this city have fallen from 25 and 30 a day to three and five a day."

The following fairly represented the situation in January before the work of American relief began to tell:

"The end must come, and Spain's army pull out. The soldiers are now in a more pitiful plight than the reconcentrados, for the reason that the better half of the latter is dead. The soldiers are not only sick, but are starving. They come to the consulate begging as do the reconcentrados. You have no conception of the situation. If the people knew, no human power could restrain Americans from flocking here to end it.

"Fully 400,000 have died—I mean of the reconcentrados—since January 1, 1897. The official report shows that nearly 80,000 have passed away in Santa Clara province during this period. I was credibly informed today that Marcus Garcia, our new autonomist civil governor admits that 5000 have starved to death in Santo Domingo. I was also told reliably that this same Marcus said to a friend three days ago in trying to induce him to accept the mayoralty of a certain interior city, 'If the United States even goes so far as to extend belligerent rights to the Cubans, we must get off the island for we are lost.' The claims sent out to De Lome by Blanco are like Weyler's specifications, solely on paper. As to the deaths in the province, I have reported the official figures with a conservative estimate of those never recorded. I figure that over 100,000 reconcentrados have died of hunger. I am more under than over the mark. However desirous to do so the Spanish government cannot feed its own soldiers, much less the pacificos. Autonomy! Spain might as well attempt to medal the man in the moon as to have the Cubans at this late date accept any terms retaining them under the Spanish flag."

SPOKE TO THE STUDENTS.

Stirring Address on Cuba at the High School.

Postmaster W. F. Calhoun, in response to an invitation from the pupils, spoke at the High school at 9 o'clock this morning on "Cuba." All the students of the High school were present and Dr. Calhoun's remarks on this intensely interesting subject were enthusiastically received. Dr. Calhoun gave a brief review of the history of Cuba and our relations as a government to the island and applied the views we have hitherto acted upon in all international questions concerning the liberty of the people of the island to the present crisis. He spoke of the refusal of the United States to allow Bolivar to free the Cubans, of our having at three different times denied Spain the request to guarantee to her the possession of the islands, and of how President McKinley had been hampered in his present diplomatic effort by the fact that the United States at one time favored the annexation of the island and that the other nations were under the impression that this might be our object in the position we are now taking. In conclusion Dr. Calhoun emphatically expressed the opinion that Cuba would be free and because of our former position on questions regarding the liberty of the Cubans we were the people to assist them in gaining this freedom. The remarks were greeted by loud and enthusiastic cheers by the students showing in a unmistakable way the sentiments of the pupils on the subject of Cuba and Cuba's freedom.

Amusement.

Theatergoers will welcome the engagement of Eunice Goodrich and her popular company at the Grand opera house Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16. This organization still continues to draw large audiences in spite of opposition and hard times. The company has many new features this season, including one of the most perfect moving picture machines the Vivrescope; also carrying a complete electric outfit for illustrated songs, illusions, dances, etc. The musical team, Newell and Niblo, late of Hopkins theatre in Chicago and St. Louis, is also with the company. The opening bill will be "Just a Plain American Girl." Admission 10, 20 and 30 cents. School children admitted for 10 cents to any part of the house at Saturday matinee.

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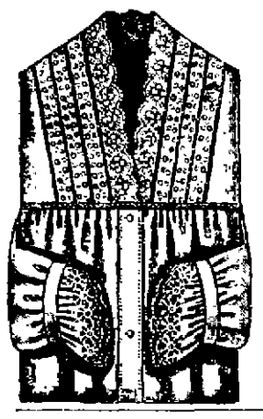

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SENATE AND HOUSE

Senator Mason Declares for licans Getting in Line to dent in His Position Cuba Must

The Senate and Hou

Washington, D. C., April 12.—The senate morning resumed the task of formulating the ferences developed, but they were not such as The committee may await the coming of Gen.

It seems probable that a majority of the for armed intervention and a declaration that from the Cuban republic, "are, and of right form there will be a minority from the radica

The senate foreign relations committee, it ed on a resolution for immediate intervention Spain At 1 o'clock the committee adjourned vote was reached at the session, but a conclus also understood that there will be indirect rec to independence.

The House foreign affairs committee met the Republican members were unable to agree The Democrats withdrew to allow the Republi mise differences. A caucus of house Republic resolution to be voted on and instructing of m lines is being talked of. Republicans of the h joined the conference movement for that purp

The committee is unable to agree and wil mittee has taken a recess until 3 p. m.

The house committee on foreign affairs r them this afternoon.

The Republicans of the house foreign affa The plan is to try to secure harmonious action can steering committe went into session aga

Democrats Take

Washington, April 12.—The Democrats of have agreed on a resolution for Cuban indepe Republicans are still divided.

Armed Inter

The house Republican steering committee house on the resolution introduced by Repre for immediate armed intervention for the est Cuba, free and independent. It is thought t on this.

Republicans for Immed

The Republicans of the house foreign aff gether on a resolution for immediate interve It is expected the report will be made tomorr dent power to use the army and navy if he th

Senate and House--

Washington, April 12.—In the senate Li president in the Cuban military operations i

Senator Mason delivered a speech declar

Senator Allen of Nebraska introduced a lsts between Spain and the United States an

Senator Pettus of Alabama made an arg clare to prosecute war.

In the house after a brief reference to C the District of Columbia bill was taken up

Cabinet and th

Washington, April 12.—No business of inet meeting. The administration is pleased throughout the country, and the general to

War May Be

Washington, April 12.—One of the pres President McKinley has greater confidence some way.

Speedy Action fo

Washington, April 12.—The steering co this morning and adjourned until aftern affairs committee. They are generally of the existing Cuban government, but fa ration that whatever government is ultim republican in form and free from the sove gressional sentiment is crystallizing a but is favorable to speedy intervention. affairs committee [illegible] that a resolution